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Grants climbdown forces £11m cut in science budget

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday approved a £21 million climbdown on Sir Keith Joseph's student grants package, which will benefit about 70,000 wealthier families by up to £520 a year.

But the retreat, announced by the Secretary of State for Education to a packed Commons, was forced by one of the biggest backbench revolts, and one of the most fundamental breakdowns in political communication between government and supporters, for many years.

The humiliation and embarrassment of the reversal was heightened by the scale of the sacrifice involved.

Although parental contributions will still go up by about £18 million from the start of the next academic year, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was made to increase his cherished public expenditure planning total by £10 million for 1985-86, and Sir Keith had no alternative but to reduce his planned increase in the vital science budget which, he explained to MPs, "received more, though slightly less more".

The most critical decision was the complete withdrawal of the plan to charge parents for tuition, but Sir Keith also announced a review of student maintenance, which would consider "whether a radical change in the student support system, which might include loans, should be made so as better to meet the needs of students and their families whilst safaguarding the interests of the taxpayer".

Mr David Madel, chairman of the Conservative backbench education committee, said last night that the decision to get rid of the tuition fee proposal had "removed a minefield". But he said that the review would need to be quick and thorough and that an expected Green Paper should show the Government's total enthusiasm for higher education.

The decision to bow to the massed ranks of Conservative backbench rebels was taken at a rush, 10-minute meeting of ministers and advisers at Number 10 yesterday morning, and senior ministers are now certain to reflect on a decision-making system which resulted in such a miscalculation.

Sir Keith told the Commons that he believed his revised proposal met the two main concerns of his party! that the previous increase in contributions had been too sharp and too sudden, and that in the longer term the system should be reviewed.

He also gave details of £11 million cuts in his 1985-86 science budget; a cut of £6 million in the increase which he had proposed for the universities; a reduction of £3 million in the cash he had promised, additionally, for scientific research; and a number of other economies which included a smaller increase for a microelectronics programme.

The Department of Education and Science was caught completely unprepared for the hasty student grants retreat. No tables of changes in parental contributions are expected until early next week.

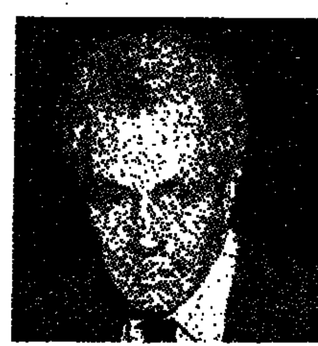
Sir Keith told the Commons: "It is possible some individual parents may have to pay as much as £270 a year more." But that compares with the previous plans under which the maximum increase would have been £725 a year.

The minimum grant of £205 is still to be abolished, and it is expected that at higher income levels there will be a progressively steeper increase in parental support, but the withdrawal of the £520 tuition charge has defused the difficulty.

● The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals gave a very qualified welcome to Sir Keith's announcement (Our Education Correspondent writes).

It is said that although his manifestly unfair proposals had been rectified in part, the cost to the future of British universities and sciences, already under great strain, was alarming.

The National Union of Students said that the principle of free higher education had been preserved but the impact of increased contributions on thousands of families would still be enormous next year.



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Nott dismisses accusations on Belgrano sinking

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Sir John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence during the Falklands conflict, returned to the Commons last night and told MPs it was "ridiculous" to suggest that the General Belgrano had been deliberately sunk to scupper plans aimed at averting war.

And in his first detailed public examination about the torpedoing of the Argentine cruiser since he retired from active politics two years ago, he launched an impassioned defence of the Government's decision to sink the ship.

With Mr Tam Dalywell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, the leading critic of the Belgrano sinking in May 1982, and Mrs Thatcher had also denied knowledge of their existence.

"I really do think the Prime Minister's recollection and the records of this Government are better than suggestions that emanate from critics of the Government and its enemies."

Sir John, asked why he had told the Commons after the sinking that the Belgrano had been "closing" on the task force when the opposite was true, said his statement was based on the latest, up to date information. While he regretted not saying the ship was in "proximity" to the task force, the course of the Belgrano was not relevant to the decision to sink it.

He had only recently learnt of the change of course, but even if he had been informed shortly after the war, he would have seen no reason to correct his original statement because it was "not of the remotest importance or interest to anybody".

It was amazing that so few mis-statements had been made given the great difficulty with communicating with a task force 8,000 miles away, he said.

Sir John, now a merchant banker, said that when the War Cabinet discussed on May 2 whether to allow an attack on the Belgrano, the threat to the task force "was so evident that it overode our natural caution about possible, future diplomatic negotiations."

That morning the BBC had reported Argentine claims that British ships and aircraft had been destroyed. The previous day a submarine had fired a torpedo at a largely undefended task force.

He denied that the sinking was a crucial watershed which ruled out peace negotiations between Britain and Argentina.

Lord Lewin, chief of the defence staff during the crisis yesterday told the committee that the sinking of the Belgrano, which killed 368 Argentine sailors, probably resulted in the saving of life during the Falklands War.

Although it was tragic that so many had died and he had been extremely surprised that the number was so high, Lord Lewin insisted the sinking was entirely justified. "After the Belgrano was sunk the Argentine navy did not once again emerge from territorial water. It is quiet likely by sinking the Belgrano we saved life," he said.

Lord Lewin appeared irritated when Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Bow and Poplar, asked him if the killing of 368 men "at a stroke" was justified by subsequent events.

"I think that is a rather unfair question. I had no idea how many men were going to be killed. My main concern and, I am sure ministers' main concern, was the safety of our men.

Lord, Lewin told MPs why he, Admiral Sandy Woodward, commader of the task force, and Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse believed the Belgrano posed a serious threat.

In the 24 hours before the Belgrano was positively identified by HMS Conqueror, British ships had been attacked and damaged by Argentine aircraft, and the task force was expecting a co-ordinated attack from ships, shore-based aircraft and possibly submarines.

Admiral Woodward's mission was to enforce the total exclusion zone and place

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A Bhopal policeman carrying a child to hospital for treatment after inhaling the fumes.

Bhopal death toll reaches 2,000

Bhopal (Reuter) – The number reported killed by poison gas seeping from a factory here rose past 2,000 yesterday and the Press Trust of India reported there were fears that many of 50,000 people being given medical treatment after the disaster could go blind.

PTI said there were at least 200 young children among the dead, killed by methyl cyanate fumes which spread across this central Indian city on Monday from a leak in an underground storage tank.

The official death toll was put at 971 yesterday morning but PTI said the up-to-date figure after a tour of hospitals and burial grounds was 1,600. United News of India put the figure at 2,000.

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mr Arjun Singh, said that hospitals in Bhopal had treated 50,000 of the city's 700,000 inhabitants.

Teams of environmental officials and chemical engineers have begun to assess the full impact of the disaster as fears mounted over possible long-term damage to people, livestock and crops from the methyl isocyanite gas.

Mr M N Nagu, Director of the Madhya Pradesh Health Service, was quoted by PTI as saying a large number of the injured might lose their sight. He said the gas could cause ulcers on the victims' corneas and this could lead to blindness.

The factory, which produces pesticides for agricultore, is owned by the Indian subsidiary of the US firm, Union Carbide.

A company spokesman told Reuters the US chairman, Mr Warren Anderson, was expected in India to head an investigation into the cause of the leak. He gave no details.

Mr Vasant Satre, Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals, said he expected Union Carbide would behave in the same manner as it would have if the accident had happend in America, and would pay the same amount of compensation.

Meanwhile at the Vatican, the Pope said he was praying for the victims of the disaster, which he called a "frightening tragedy" that had caused him profound pain.

More than 60 hours after the leak started, victims were still arriving at hospitals, eyewitnesses said.

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Merit award offered to senior civil servants

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Senior civil servants are to receive pay bonuses for good performance under a system to be introduced by the Government in April as part of its continuing efforts to improve the management and effectiveness of the Civil Service.

The Government is making available an extra £4 million a year for a three-year experimental period to allow merit award payments to be made to staff in the grades between principal and under secretary.

Under the scheme about 4,000 of the 20,000 civil servants in those categories could receive payments approaching £1,000, although the sums to be awarded and the numbers benefiting are to be left to individual departments.

The bonuses will be taxable but not pensionable. They will be awarded annually in a lump sum although the timing of the awards will be for the departments.

Announcing the scheme yesterday the Government said it would immediately start consultations with the Civil Service unions about the scheme. It was also prepared to talk about the possibility of experiments for other grades.

It was made clear that the scheme had been introduced at

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Police laying plans to prevent 'vendettas' after pit strike

● The police are making plans to protect miners from intimidation after the pit strike ends, the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, said yesterday.

● The drift back to work among striking miners showed signs of drying up when only 82 men crossed picket lines for the first time Page 2

● Mr Ian MacGregor, National Coal Board chairman, suggested in a speech the sale of uneconomic mines to NUM members for an economical payment.

● Mr Michael McGahey, NUM vice-president, told an Alloa rally: "We are fighting for a free trade union movement in Britain." Page 2

By John Winder

The police are already making detailed plans to deal with the aftermath of the miners' strike. Mr Leon Brittan the Home Secretary, said yesterday that they were giving careful consideration to protecting miners and their families after the strike was over.

"Threats against those who return are being and will be taken extremely seriously by the police", he said. "Those who make them will be firmly dealt with."

Mr Brittan told a Parliamentary Press Gallery lunch: "If the men of violence contemplate vendettas after the strike, they will fail as surely as their tactics have failed during it."

He said that after the strike the rule of law would be seen to have triumphed because the attempt to overthrow it would be seen to have been defeated. Violence in the strike had not just been merely a means. The victory of lawless violence was the true end in itself.

"After the end of this strike, no one will again be able credibly to assert that, faced with violent mass pickets, the law will fail and the Government will fall. When that happens, it will be a triumph for law in a free society.

"Although that day has yet to arrive, the outlines are clearly visible."

Mr Brittan said Mr Arthur Scargill's response to violence in the dispute had underlined the moral responsibility of the leadership.

Speaking of last week's death of a South Wales taxi driver, Mr Brittan said that Mr Scargill had confined himself to dissociating the National Union of Mineworkers from violence away from the picket line, and in language more appropriate to a company's disclaimer in a guarantee against faulty goods than a response to the death of a human being.

"Does that mean that he asserts the right of his members to engage in whatever violence they choose, so long as it is on the picket line? Does he regard his supporters on the picket line as licensed thugs?"

If Mr Scargill had been serious in dissociating himself from violence he would not have used wooden words, wrung out of him by public outrage, but would have issued an immediate instruction to all his followers, telling them that those who engaged in violence would be thrown out of the union.

The TUC should tell the union leadership bluntly that enough was enough. There would not be power cuts, nor a general strike.

During the Home Secretary's speech, Mr John Prescott, Labour's leading spokesman on employment in the Commons, walked out in protest.

He said afterwards. "I was not prepared to sit there and listen to a declaration of war on what these people call the 'enemy within'."

He challenged Mr Brittan to go to the picket lines or to a miners' public meeting instead of being "a lunchtime warrior".

MacGregor predicts sale of mines

By Paul Vallely

The privatization of the British mining industry was predicted by Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal board, yesterday.

In a lunchtime lecture to City workers at St Lawrence Jewry church, next to Guildhall in London, Mr MacGregor said the sale of mines to private enterprise would have his full approval and support.

He also said that he would regard the strike as over just as soon as a majority of miners were back at work.

Mr MacGregor, considering the idea that the NCB should hand over uneconomic mines for an economical payment to those NUM members who maintained that they could be mined profitably, said: "I personally think that would be wonderful.

"Unfortunately, when the mining industry was nationalized the legislation was written to ensure that it couldn't be privatized easily without passing some brand new legislation. I doubt whether it would be appropriate to start that up in the middle of a dispute.

This could not be done at the moment, however, because of the attitude of Mr Scargill. "As an article of faith, the leaders of the NUM have rejected any such notion on the grounds that it is totally contrary to good socialist dogma".

Mr MacGregor said that a third of the miners were working now because they realised they were called out on strike on false pretences, for objectives which were totally different from the objectives of the people in the mining industry.

Hijackers blocked on runway

Tehran (Reuter, AFP) – Iran security forces blocked the runway at Tehran airport last night to prevent a hijacked Kuwaiti Airbus with 98 hostages on board from taking off, Iran's national news agency, Irna, said.

The hijackers left the plane to check its lights and wheels and the sound of the engines starting was also heard, the agency said. But security forces blocked the runway with vehicles and other obstacles.

A government spokesman said the hijackers, who say they are Palestinians, were still threatening to blow up the aircraft.

Earlier, the hijackers, believed to number five, demanded to see the Kuwaiti Prime Minister. Their demands remained unclear, but could be linked to 13 people held in Kuwait in connection with bombings last December.

Husain may meet Rabin in London

There was speculation last night over the possibility of a London meeting between King Husain of Jordan and Mr Yitzak Rabin, Israel's Defence Minister, both of them in Britain on private visits (Henry Stanhope writes).

King Husain, who has come straight from his state visit to Egypt, amid talk of a new Middle East initiative, will address the Royal United Services Institute in Whitehall today.

Mr Rabin is also here for a speaking engagement at the International Institute for Strategic Studies tomorrow.

King Husain who is here for a longer stay, will also see ministers, including Mrs Thatcher.

But Israeli sources here have denied that there are any plans for the two men to meet while in London.

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Beards and black hats for the wedding of weddings

From Trevor Fishlock
Uniondale, Long Island

They danced and sang in exuberant and memorable celebration yesterday, more than 20,000 guests at what was proclaimed the largest wedding in the world.

This was a 12-hour wedding of weddings for the Satmars, one of the largest sects of fundamentalist Hasidic Jews, a cementing of a rabbinical dynasty and a joyful assertion of the sect's vitality, unity and identity.

In keeping with tradition, the men and women celebrated apart. The men wore their Sabbath best, large sable fur hats or broad-brimmed black hats, and black silk caftans, their hair in ringlets. Grand white-bearded patriarchs were supported by their respectful brown-bearded sons who held the hands of their own black-hatted, wide-eyed sons, dressed as little men.

It was a great clan gathering, with guests flying in from Israel, England and Latin America.

After the couple were married – in the freezing open air – guests pushed and shoved enthusiastically into separate arenas, a hockey stadium and an exhibition hall, to consume 3,500 chickens, 20,000 rolls, 4,000 pounds of gefilte fish, 6,800 melons, 8,000 sandwiches, and mounds of potato pasta, liver goulash, salad and chocolate pie, eased down with brandy. The top table cut into a 14ft long loaf.

Then the band struck up its jaunty tunes and there was energetic dancing until dawn, men with men and women with women, a custom intended to prevent impure thoughts. The noisy festivities were punctuated with toasts.

The feast cost more than $250,000 and was paid for by wealthy members of the community who considered it an honour to pay.

Hasidim are devoted to strict observance of ritual law and do not recognize the state of Israel, believing that only the Messiah can return Israel to the Jews. Many migrated from Eastern Europe to America in large numbers during and after the Second World War and settled in strength in Brooklyn.

Satmars are the largest group of American Hasidim, and are thought to number 100,000. They take their name from a town once in Hungary, now in Romania.

The marriage united two 18-year-old first cousins, grandchildren of Grand Rabbi Moses Teitelbaum, the sect's leader. They had met a number of times before the ceremony. The Teitelbaums have been leaders since the mid-19th century, and this wedding was considered almost a royal one.

For two hours before the ceremony the men and women gathered in their separate halls. There was a good-natured surging scrum, a teeming mass of black hats and coats, as men tried to get close to the raised table where the Grand Rabbi sat with other rabbis. The men were seeking their good-luck blessing and the elders were mobbed

There was a burst of singing as the bridegroom entered the room, a white cloth on his head

The bridegroom, Menacham Menbel Teitelbaum, a rabbi who may one day head the sect, approached the marriage platform by way of a 120ft catwalk through the crowd. His bride, Brucha Sima Meisels, surrounded by women bearing candles, arrived a few minutes later.

The couple were lost from view as rabbis, relatives and others pressed around them on the platform. The Grand Rabbi performed the half-hour cermony, a chorus of cantors sang, the crowd swayed in prayer and, finally, a band blared notes of celebration.

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Nil desperandum
Philip Howard presents a classic argument for retaining Latin and Greek in schools

Full house
How the West End theatres has been lifted out of the doldrums

Glorious obsession
Gilbert Kaplan, the musical amateur who has made a profession out of a symphony

Winning kick
The thoughts of Andrew Slack captain of the Wallabies, as they head for the grand slam

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was shared by two winners yesterday. Mr Gordon Vince of Great Malvern, Worcestershire, and Miss Susan Blan of Northwood, Middlesex each received £1,000. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

Thatcher attack on Greece

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in the commons that it would be "utterly disgraceful" if Greece blocked the entry of Spain and Portugal to the EEC in its efforts to win more community money for the poorer Mediterranean regions

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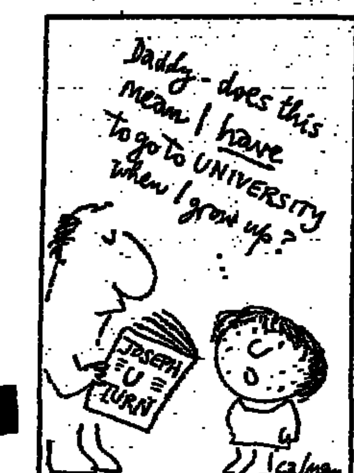
Boycott ends

The TUC held tripartite discussions with the CBI and the Government on the National Economic Development Council after a seven-month boycott over the GCHQ union ban

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Callaghan rests

Mr James Callaghan, aged 72, the former Labour Prime Minister, has been in hospital for tests and is being advised by doctors to rest.



Shultz visit

Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, will stop off in London next Tuesday en route to Brussels for informal talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe

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Union walkout

Talks on a new salary structure for teachers were killed off when National Union of Teachers' representatives walked out of the final meeting with employers

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Gatting triumph

A century by Gatting took England to victory in their first one-day match against India. Also included today: the full first-class fixture list for the 1985 season.

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Hope of more capital spending as TUC rejoins Neddy

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The TUC went back yesterday into discusions with the Confederation of British Industry and the Government on the National Economic Development Council (Neddy), after a seven-month boycott in protest at the banning of trade unions at Government Communications Headquarters.

At joint CBI-TUC Neddy more teeth, which the unions laid dow nas a precondition of re-entry, was welcomed by the Government, although Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chacellor, balked at the suggestion that there should be full consultation on the council before the Government decides its budget priorities.

Mr John Cassells, Neddy director general, said after yesterday's meeting that he believed the organization would become more effective.

The key element in the 20-point joint programme accepted by the Government was the need for the council to have a "sharper focus" on promoting conditionsfor fast economic growth, which in turn involved capital spending particularly on infrastructure.

Yesterday's meeting also discussed a paper from Mr Eric Hammond leader of the electricians' union.in which he apparently argued that less reliance should be placed on coal as as a source of electricity in view of the miners' strike. That paper is due to be published by Neddy today.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, told the meeting that while the unions were delighted to be back on the council they still opposed the ban on unions at GCHQ. Mr Lawson said he would pass on Mr Willis's remarks to the Foreign Secretary.

The Chancellor argued that it was unnecessary for the council to be consulted before the Government draws up its Budget because he would already be meeting separately the parties involved. This dispute is to be referred to the "group of four" comprising Sir Peter Middleton, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Willis, Mr Cassells, and Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI director general.

The Chancellor also gave an exposition on his autumn statement and repeated his hope of being able to make tax cuts of £1.5 billion in the Budget next spring. He emphasized the Government's concern over unemployment

He said jobs depended on the efficiency of private enterprise, and the general thrust of the autumn statement won the backing of the CBI, whose president, Sir James Cleminson, said that it welcomed the Government's intention to restrict total expenditure to £132 billion.



Miners' drift back nearly over

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The drift back to work among striking miners showed signs of drying up yesterday when only 82 men crossed picket lines for the first time, on the eve of critical talks between TUC leaders and the National Union of Mineworkers.

That is the lowest Wednesday figure for several weeks, and the NUM insisted that men rejoining the strike almost cancelled out those who have gone back to earn substantial pre-Christmas bonuses.

The slowing down is almost certain to be cited by miners' leaders as supporting evidence in their bid to win TUC backing today for the mobilizataion of widespread industrial action to sustain the strike as it nears the end of its 39th week.

Mr Michael McGahey, union vice-president, told a strikers' rally in Alloa, central Scotland, yesterday: "The fight is broadening, the challenge is getting greater, the stakes higher. Now we are fighting for jobs, pits and communities and we are also fighting for a free trade union movement in Britain. That is the issue".

The TUC's seven-man liaison group appointed to monitor the pit strike will meet leaders of the NUM today as the High Court sits to review the situation after its appointment last week of a receiver to manage the funds and assets of the union, which has refused to pay a £200,000 fine

The mineworkes will ask the TUC and Labour Party leaders to take a more active role in the strike. The TUC's monitoring body is maintaining a discreet silence on the measure it will propose to the NUM today, but it is most unlikely that miners' demands for the mobilization of sympathetic strikes will be met

Receiver waits for Dublin court ruling

Any attempt by the receiver of the National Union of Mineworkers' funds to recover £2.78 million of assets frozen in a bank in Dublin will be resisted until a High Court hearing next week (Richard Ford writes).

Mr Herbert Brewer, the receiver, spent several hours in Dublin yesterday talking to the Irish legal representatives of the sequestrators, the London firm of accountants, Price Waterhouse. After the discussions Mr Brewer returned to London empty handed.

He had arrived in Dublin on Tuesday after spending two days in which he attempted to recover £4.6 million funds from a bank in luxembourg. Mr Brewer did not visit Bank of Ireland Finance, where the money is deposited, or meet its official.

Last night it was not clear whether he had attempted to recover the union funds frozen in the bank or if he was simply meeting lawyers about the court action.

The cash frozen in the republic is part of £8 million of assets transferred to the bank from the Isle of Man.



Mr Ian MacGregor, NCB chairman, giving a lunchtime lecture yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry Church, London. (Photograph,: John Manning)

Drive for Yorkshire restart

Preparations to resume production of coal in Yorkshire for the first time in nine months were under way at two collieries yesterday.

Officials of the National Coal Board expect the first breakthrough to come next week at Manton Colliery, where 642 of 1,100 men have abandoned the strike?

The presence of 40 deputies has meant that men are able to work underground repairing equipment. For the second day yesterday three deputies also crossed picket lines at Kellingley.

The board admits that as the return to work slows to a trickle the resumption of production is an important psychological target. Privately it concedes disappointment that barely 50 of the area's 5,000 deputies are crossing picket lines.

Without the deputies, miners are not allowed to work underground. The deputies say it is dangerous to cross picket lines.

Riot verdict on Hell's Angels

Members of two rival Hell's Angels motor cycle gangs were found guilty at Winchester Crown Court yesterday of offences including riotous assembly. Two men died in a battle between the groups last September.

Craig Stewart, aged 23, of Weybridge, Surrey, and John Connolly, aged 32, of Kingston-on-Thames, members of the Road Rats gang were found guilty of making an affray and riotous assembly. Another member of the gang, Michael Nicol, aged 30, of Sydenham, was found guilty of riotons assembly.

Three members of the Satan's Slaves gang were found guilty of riotous assembly and assault. They were Paul Rimshaw, aged 33 and his brother Neil, aged 28, and Simon Willis, aged 26, all from Exeter.

Benjamin Edney, aged 23, of Croydon, and Howard Norris, aged 33, of Chessington, members of the Road Rats were acquitted. The judge said he would not pass sentences until he had listened to speeches of mitigation.

Union's plea to DHSS strikers

The remaining 350 striking computer staff at the Department of Health and Social Security's offices in the North-east are to be asked to reconsider a management offer to end the seven-month-old dispute.

The executive of the Civil and Public Services Association decided on the move yesterday after consultation with DHSS offices in Britain. The dispute is over changes in shifts that would save £700,000 a year.

Police hunt glue raider

Police were last night hunting a thief who stuck a village postmistress to her shop counter with quick-setting glue yesterday and escaped with a handful of cash from the till.

Mrs Anne Bristow, aged 30, was stuck by her forehead and hands in her shop at Settrington, near Malton, North Yorkshire. She was rescued by her mother, Mrs Joan Blake, and was last night recovering from shock and facial injuries

Bishop attacks weak Labour

The Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Ronald Bowlby, has blamed the present weakness of the Labour Party as the reason the church is raising its voice in criticism of Government policies.

In the January edition of his diocesan newsletter, he said the better off were becoming wealthier while the rest became poorer. " The relative weakness of parliamentary opposition makes it necessary for others, bishops but not only bishops, to speak out about the direction in which things are moving".

Stamps called in

British Telecom is to withdraw £5 telephone stamps immediately while Scotland Yard continues its search for a gang thought to have forged stamps worth £4 million

Milk price controls to end this month

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Statutory price controls on milk are to be removed at he end of this month, 44 years after they were introduced as a wartime measure.

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, also announced yesterday that an independent inquiry into the milk marketing scheme would begin early next year.

It would include a review of the relationship between the Milk Marketing Board for England and Wales and its butter and cheese manufacturing subsidiary, Dairy Creast, which has been widely criticized within the industry.

The price controls have been increasingly seen as an archaic relic of the wartime and postwar rationing period, no longer appropriate in a competitive market, now open to foreign imports, in which doorstep deliveries are losing ground to shop sales.

Although the Government will be freed from irksome annual negotiations with the industry, the effect on the consumer is less easy to predict. The present doorstep price of 22p a pint is only a maximum, and the large supermarkets have been undercutting it for some time.

The milk marketing boards for England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland will remain the monopoly buyer "at the farm gate" for all except a small number of so-called producer processers who make their own cheese, butter and cream and sell it directly to shops.

But the prices at which the boards sell milk for liquid consumption and for manufacture will now be a matter for direct negotiation within the industry.

MILK SALES

Year	Shop sales %	Deliveries %
1976	7	93
1978	8	92
1980	10	90
1982	14	86
1984	16	84

Source Dairy Trade Federation.

Dentist to face fraud inquiry

By Nicholas Timmins

A committee of inquiry into how far dentists are defrauding the National Health Service by giving unnecessary treatment, was announced yesterday by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health.

The move, warmly welcomed by the British Dental Association, comes after criticism by Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, of the effectiveness of checks on dentists' honesty in making claims, and suspicions that some are over-treating to push up their income in the wake of improvements in dental health, particularly among children.

Figures published last month show that more than 200 dentists had gross earnings over £100,000 a year before expenses, estimated to be about 60 per cent of the total. While those payments go to principals who may have other dentists working with them, the average income of dentists after expenses and before tax was only just over £17,000.

Announcing the inquiry, Mr Clarke said: "I am becoming increasingly concerned that a small minority of dentists might be abusing the present system of payments", which involves a fee for each item of service.

Port loses Channel ferry link

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Southampton is to lose its last cross-Channel passenger ferry tomorrow when P&O transfers its *Le Havre* service to Portsmouth.

The port has had severe industrial problems. It can no longer provide the service that passenger and freight customers have a right to expect, P&O says.

Despite its huge natural advantages Southampton has suffered a steady loss of ferry traffic in recent years, especially to Portsmouth, a municipally owned port which is generally held to be cheaper and more trouble-free.

British Rail Sealink were the first to go, when withdrawal of its Normannia in the Sixties paved the way for Norway's Thoresen, later merged with Britain's Townsend, to enter Channel service.

Queen's promotion

The Queen has decided that from January 1 all Members of the Royal Victorian Order, fourth class, will be promoted to Lieutentants. A member fourth class is equivalent to a holder of the OBE. Fifth class members are equivalent to an MBE. The promotion will more clearly differentiate the two classes.

Train may have passed red signal

A public inquiry is to be held to establish what caused the collision between two trains in Salford, Greater Manchester, on Tuesday in which two people were killed and 76 injured.

Mr Nicholas Ridley the Secretary of State for Transport, announced the inquiry yesterday

The crash happened when a passenger train hit the back of a petroleum tanker train. A few minutes earlier, a commuter waiting at Eccles station is understood to have seen the passenger train, with 300 people on board, go through red signals.

British Rail confirmed that the investigations will include a claim that a signalman may also have seen the passenger train go through a red light.

The passenger train driver, Mr Edward Croxford, aged 36, of Mab Lane, Liverpool, was one of the two men who died.

Collapse of teachers' salary talks

By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent

Talks on a new salary structure for teachers ended yesterday at an acrimonious meeting where other teachers' organizations accused the National Union of Teachers (NUT) of trying to stifle debate.

Eight union representatives left the meeting of the salary structure working party after making it clear that they were withdrawing from the talks, which have lasted for three years. They were accompanied by one representative from the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education.

The remaining bodies – the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and the Secondary Heads Association – stayed behind for another hour of talks with local employers.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the NAHT, said that Mr Don Winters, of the NUT and chairman of the teachers' side, had tried to prevent other teachers' organizations from speaking. All the other unions want the talks to continue.

The NUT members walked out after Mr Philip Merridale, chairman of the employers' side, had asked the teachers to reconsider the majority decision, forced on the others by the NUT, to end the talks.

Mr Hart said tha the NUT had staged an extraordinary exhibition in seeking to prevent people from exercising their right to speak as members of the working party. The union had done a grave disservice to the teaching profession, he said.

He forecast industrial action next year

Ulster's Civil Service jobs to be monitored

A special monitoring unit is to become operational in Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel next month to examine every single recruitment and promotion in the provincial Civil Service. The aim is to ensure that it accords with Government policy on equality of opportunity regardless of religion, politics, sex and marital status.

All 23,000 white-collar civil servants in Ulster will be asked which primary school or schools they attended – a reliable indication in Northern Ireland whether one is Protestant or Roman Catholic.

Newspapers' technology project fails

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Owners of provincial newspapers yesterday abondoned their "Project Breakthrough" campaign to reach a national agreement with unions on new technology by January 1. The Newspaper Society, the employer's body, conceded that it was only possible to reach deals with unions at local level.

A statement issued by the society emphasizing the vital need to introduce technology, was signed by the National Graphical Association and Sogat '82, but not by the National Union of Journalists.

The failure of the journalists to sign the communique underlines a deep divide between the unions over the application of the new techniques.

Another reason for the collapse of national talks was that Sogat and the NGA insisted that employers should back the creation of closed shops in telephone advertising departments in return for direct access to computers. At the moment all only NGA compositors in poroduction departments have such access.

The society was also totally opposed to the initiation of closed shops in editorial

Tug master feared crash

Captain John Simmons, a tug master, told a court martial in Portsmouth yesterday that he feared his boat would be crushed by a Navy warship, which was drifting helplessly on a collision course with London Bridge.

Captain Simmons was giving evidence on the second day of the court martial of Commander Colin Hamilton, aged 40, who has admitted negligently causing the Leander-class frigate, HMS Jupiter, to be stranded.

HMS Jupiter was swept into London Bridge on June 13, on trying to leave the Port of London. The hull was damaged and the collision caused £25,000 damage to the bridge.

Captain Simmons told the court martial that he was ordered to HMS Jupiter's starboard bow. "I did not go because I thought we would be crushed by the ship's hull. Instead we went to port and attached a line to the ship. But by that time it was too late".

The hearing continues today.

Emergency staged for oil rig tests

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Plans to tackle accidents on board North Sea oil production platforms were reviewed yesterday in an exercise involving the coastguard, the RAF, the police and the North Sea oil industry's emergency services.

The results of the exercise, which involved a helicopter crash, an oil spill, a fire, a ship loaded with aviation fuel smashing into the platform and a mock press conference with 20 particularly truculent journalists played by oil company staff, will be examined by the Department of Energy to see how new lessons learned can be applied.

The exercise, arranged by the Department of Energy and the United Kingdom Offshore Operators' Association involved simulated incidents on the Heather Platform operated by Union Oil, 90 miles east of the Shetlands, in 468ft of water.

Staff at Union Oil's Aberdeen operation centre was given only minutes' notice that the training to tackle an incident was being put to a test. Inquiries from callers playing the roles of anxious relatives and national and local press and broadcasters jammed the company's switchboard while control staff alerted search and rescue services.

An RAF Nimrod patrolling the North Sea was diverted to the field, RAF rescue helicopters flew from Lossiemouth to Sumburgh on Shetland, and the oil industry's on arrangements for "Red Sector", the area covering the Heather platform, were put into action.

The mock disaster, the rescue flights and ship movements were purely "on paper", started at 10.05 am

At the end of the day the final mock casualty list was 17 hurt and one man dead, named in the statement from the department as Bobby Ewing, a Texas oilman. His Dallas family has been told.

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9.30 am: RAF Nimrod alerts control
Helicopters diverted from nearby fields to assist
Sumburgh
NORTH SEA
2 fire-fighting vessels put on standby
ORKNEY ISLANDS
PLATFORM HEATHER'S MOCK MISFORTUNES
4 Fire in module on platform
1 Helicopter crashes onto pad
RAF Control at Pitreavie sends rescue helicopters from Lossiemouth to Sumburgh
Lossiemouth
Operations Control Aberdeen
3 Oil spill from ruptured riser pipe
RAF CONTROL Pitreavie
2 Supply boat carrying aviation fuel hits platform legs
5 Fire on boat deck
Edinburgh

Sale room

Hebrew bible sets auction record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

One of the most important Hebrew bibles in the world was sold from the Sassoon collection at Sotheby's, New York, on Tuesday for $825,000 (£670,000). It is the highest auction price recorded for a Hebrew manuscript and doubled Sotheby's presale estimate.

The bible was transcribed by Shem Tov Ben Abraham Gaon, a Spanish scholar renowned for his commentaries on Maimonides, and hid Kabbalistic studies. It is dated 1312. The manuscript is illuminated with primitive simplicity with illustrations in gold of animals and birds. There are 768 vellum pages.

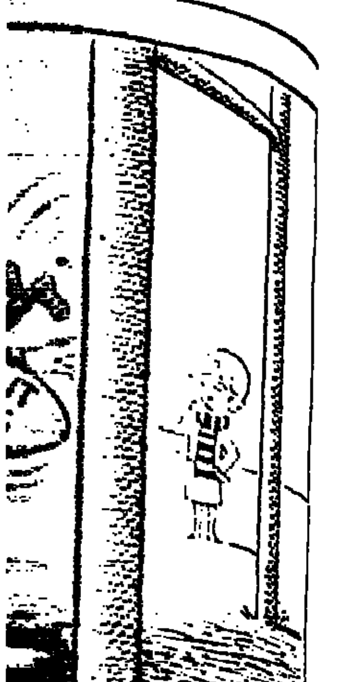
The purchaser was a European private collector. He had left his bid, which exceeded the sale price, with Sotheby's before the sale but listened to the auction over the telephone. The highest price previously recorded for a Hebrew manuscript was £219,780 for a twelfth century manuscript of Maimonides commentaries in the first of Sotheby's sales from the Sassoon collection held in Zurich in 1975.

Tuesday's Sassoon sale was the fourth and most expensive of the series, making a total of £2.5m with 24 per cent left unsold.

The collection was formed by Rabbi David Solomon Sassoon (1882-1942). One of the greatest Jewish libraries in the world, it contained some 1,300 manuscripts by the time of his death, and was kept with the Rabbi in Bruton Street, London, from 1914 to 1939 when it was moved to the country for safety.

In London yesterday Sotheby's set a new auction price record for a Picasso print when his famous etching of 1935, "La Minotauromachie", sold for £137,500 (estimate £80,000-£100,000) to David Tunick, a New York dealer.

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Seaside landlady is jailed for £10,000 dole fraud involving young jobless

A seaside landlady wept yesterday as she was jailed for a year for masterminding a £10,000 dole fraud.

Jane Barrs, aged 39, a former Torquay hotelier, who has a handicapped son aged 5 and a baby of 13 months was on the verge of collapse as sentence was passed at Exeter Crown Court.

The recorder, Mr Colin Nicholls, said: "I have no alternative but to send you to prison, if for no other reason than to let it be a warning to other hotel-keepers who might be similarly tempted.

"You were the prime mover in these offences. You allowed young unemployed, some of them desperate, to be lured to your hotel by the promise of extra cash."

Of the 16 young unemployed people in the dock with her, 14 were given either probation or community service orders. One teenager, born in Liverpool, was given six months' youth custody, and another was sent to detention centre for three months. Each had admitted one offence of dishonestly obtaining money from the Department of Health and Social Security.

The court was told that Barrs launched her "Costa del Dole" fraud, which netted a total of £10,175, when her hotel, the Netcliffe, Hoxton Road, Torquay, was facing bankruptcy.

She gave jobless youngsters letters confirming that they were staying at the hotel and paying her £44 weekly for bed and breakfast. That enabled them to claim nearly £69 a week, instead of the £27 they would have got had they admitted having no fixed address.

The "Giro lodgers" never stayed at the hotel, but gave her on average about £13 from the cash they received.

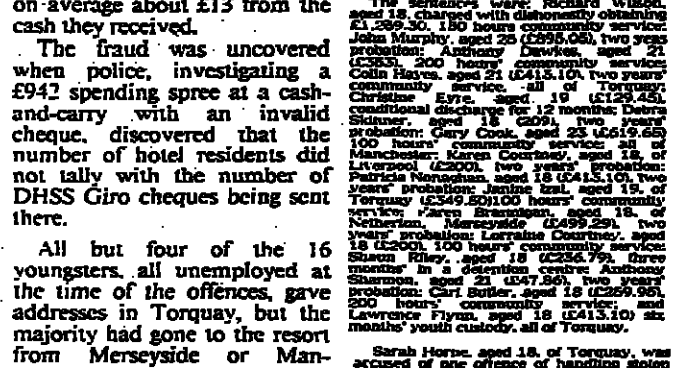
The fraud was uncovered when police, investigating a £942 spending spree at a cash-and-carry with an invalid cheque, discovered that the number of hotel residents did not tally with the number of DHSS Giro cheques being sent there.

All but four of the 16 youngsters, all unemployed at the time of the offences, gave addresses in Torquay, but the majority had gone to the resort from Merseyside or Manchester. Many were from the Huyton area of Liverpool.

Barrs was jailed for a total of 12 months after pleading guilty to four charges of dishonestly obtaining nearly £3,400 from the DHSS, and one, with her husband Thomas Barrs, aged 30, of dishonestly obtaining goods from a cash-and-carry. She also asked for a total of 26 other offences to be considered.

Her husband was put on probation for two years for the joint offence of dishoesty.

The recorder said that the total loss to the DHSS was about £8,500 over five months, of which only £288 had been recovered.



The sentences were: Richard Wilson, aged 18, charged with dishonestly obtaining £1,289.30, 180 hours community service; John Murphy, aged 26 (£895.05), two years probation; Anthony Dawkes, aged 21 (£585), 200 hours' community service; Colin Hayes, aged 21 (£415.10), two years' community service, all of Torquay; Christine Eyre, aged 19 (£129.45), conditional discharge for 12 months; Debra Skinner, aged 18 (£209), two years' probation; Gary Cook, aged 23 (£619.65) 100 hours' community service, all of Manchester; Karen Courtney, aged 18, of Liverpool (£200), two years' probation; Patricia Nonaghan, aged 18 (£415.10), two years' probation; Janine Izal, aged 19, of Torquay (£349.50) 100 hours' community service; Karen Brannigan, aged 18, of Netherton, Merseyside (£499.29), two years' probation; Lorraine Courtney, aged 18 (£200), 100 hours' community service; Shaun Riley, aged 18 (£236.79), three months' in a detention centre; Anthony Sharmon, aged 21 (£47.86), two years' probation; Carl Butler, aged 18 (£259.95), 200 hours' community service; and Lawrence Flynn, aged 18 (£413.10) six months' youth custody, all of Torquay.

Sarah Horne, aged 18, of Torquay, was accused of one offence of handling stolen goods, unconnected with the social security fraud, and put on probation for two years.

Cases against two other youngsters, Tania Candy, aged 17, of Torquay (£896.05), and Brian Carroll, aged 24, of Liverpool (£209.70), were adjourned after the court heard that they were ill.

No compensation orders were made in respect of any of the offences.

Wine in a can 'better than boxes'

Canned wine is better than wine in boxes, according to a tasting test by *Which?* the Consumers' Association magazine.

Five experts tried 13 of the new 25cl cans, which hold about two glasses of wine, and where possible tested them against the bottled version.

Although cans were "definitely better than wine boxes", the actual wine was "just about passable, with some horrors", the experts concluded.

Vinyl lining inside the cans cut out any metal taste, but tasters said the wines were "closed in" because the canning process masked any subtlety of taste. None the less, some experts preferred the canned wine to its bottled equivalent in a blind tasting.

Tests in West Germany recently have shown that canned wine keeps well, and the *Which?* tasters say: "What is needed now is better wine in cans".

● The Consumers' Association yesterday warned the Government that it will fight any plans to impose value added tax on books, newspapers, and magazines.

Cottage siege ends after police raid

Armed police yesterday staged an SAS-style raid to end a two-day siege at a remote country cottage.

The move came as darkness fell. Five heavily-armed officers, wearing flak jackets and with blacking on their faces, rushed into the detached house where a man was holding a woman hostage.

Seconds before the raid, a dummy bomb was detonated in an upstairs room to create a diversion. The blast blew out windows and filled the house with smoke. Neither of the occupants was believed to have been injured.

The siege was ended 47 hours after the man burst into the house brandishing a shotgun and 24 hours after he agreed to a police request to throw the weapon and cartridges out of an upstairs window.

Michael Hood, aged 20, and Mrs Sandra Yeoman, aged 40, were both detained and taken to hospital in Norwich.

● A man surrendered to police yesterday after holding his wife hostage at gunpoint for nearly 22 hours at the headquarters of the National Children's Home, Highbury Park, North London.

The man was armed with a shotgun and one shot was fired, which smashed a window and damaged a wall. Last night detectives were interviewing Nigel Tyson, aged 31.

Salmonella death fear

An elderly woman has died and more than 100 people are ill after an outbreak of salmonella poisoning at Aylesbury.

Chicken vol-au-vent prepared at the Hartwell day centre on Friday was thought to have caused the poisoning, Mr Graham Marsh, director of social services, said.

The dead woman was Mrs Edna Doves, aged 75, of Bicester Road, Oakley. Although she had eaten at the day centre, a county council spokesman said that it had not been confirmed that her death was connected with the outbreak.

The county council day centre, used weekly by several hundred elderly and handicapped people for meetings and medical treatment, has been closed pending an inquiry.

BBC focuses on film format for Christmas

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to concentrate on feature film-length versions of two of its most popular programmes as the centrepiece of its Christmas viewing fare.

The format was pioneered by the corporation last year and won large audiences with film versions of *Last of the Summer Wine* and *All Creaturers Great and Small*.

This year year Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis will be seen in a 90-minute version of the comedy series *Just Good Friends* on Christmas Day, and a full-length version of *Give Us A Break*, which stars Robert Lindsay as a snooker player, is another of the festive viewing hopes.

The Christmas line-up was the first scheduled by the new Controller of BBC1, Mr Michael Grade, though the programmes it includes were inherited from his predecessor, Mr Alan Hart.



Mr Grade: outlining Christmas plans.

Mr Grade said yesterday: "This is the first Christmas I have scheduled for the BBC and it is also the best Christmas I have ever scheduled. I am very happy with the amount of home-grown programming".

The BBC will screen more than 60 feature films over the holiday, including *Kramer versus Kramer, The Deer Hunter, Looking for Mr Goodbar*, and *Mary Poppins*.

There is a strong emphasis on light entertainment. In common with ITV, the BBC will be screening a tribute to the comedian, the late Eric Morecambe. His partner, Ernie Wise, is returning to the corporation to present a programme of excerpts from *Morecambe and Wise* shows made before they moved to ITV.

Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington will be seen in a new production of Noel Coward's comedy *Hay Fever*. There will be a Christmas special with the *Two Ronnies*, and festive shows featuring Terry Wogan, Russell Harty, Les Dawson, Bob Monkhouse, the stars of *Hi-de-Hi*, Paul Daniels, and the *Last of the Summer Wine* cast.

The drama content of the £15 million line-up includes a series based on Agatha Christie's female detective Miss Marple.

The traditional Christmas coverage of the Royal Family will involve a documentary on how the Prince and Princess of Wales' children, Prince William and Prince Henry, are growing up.

Short-break tour firm holds prices

Travelscene which claims to sell more short-break holidays than any other British operator, is holding many prices and reducing some next summer.

The general trend in package holidays has been towards price rises of up to one fifth, but Travelscene believes that the higher cost of longer package holdays will divert many people to short breaks.

Trips of three of four days are also growing in popularity as second holidays, Mr John Mansfield, Travalscene's chairman said.

Travelscene has increased its capacity by a fifth, which has meant better discounts at hotels and for transport.

Students evicted

Eighty students who had occupied a building at the North London Polytechnic in Kentish Town for two weeks in protest against Mr Patrick Harrington, a National Front member, studying at the college, were evicted yesterday.

£9,100 steer

The supreme champion of the Royal Smithfield Show, a black crossbred steer called Thunderflash, was auctioned yesterday for £9,100 to an Oxfordshire wholesale butcher. The meat will be sold for charity.

Airgun attacks

Nottingham police are looking for a man with an air rifle who has been shooting at people in the suburb of Gedling.

RSPCA launches anti-fur campaign

By Tony Samstag

After several years of turmoil and financial difficulties, a revitalized Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals today launches a campaign against the wearing of furs.

The RSPCA, which in 1981 showed an operating deficit of £1.5 million that it has since converted to a surplus of nearly £2 million, will be deploying part of that surplus to finance a letter-writing exercise to dissuade people from wearing fur coats.

After staff cuts of more than 20 per cent, and a similar drop in membership to about 30,000, the organization feels that its anti-fur campaign will mark a transition from the old "cats, dogs and horses" image to a more active animal rights approach.

"There is cruelty involved in the production of every single fur coat", a spokesman said yesterday. "This applies whether the methods used are farming or trapping. Ours is not an attack on the fur trade as such but on the abuse of animals, which is so totally unnecessary".

The British Fur Trade Association, whose 320 members represent an industry worth about £400 million a year, accused the RSPCA of having lost its reputation as "the well-respected association of yesteryear" and suggested that its 23-member council was at risk of infiltraton by violent animal rights activists.

The traders noted that the Fur Breeders' Association of the United Kingdom was commended for its code of practice by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1981.

The RSPCA said that it accommodated "all shades of opinion about animal welfare" and all council members would have to abide by its rules.

Mr Michael Edelson, managing director of the Edelson group of fur companies, said that their business had not been affected by increasing animal rights activism.



Time for a change: Mr Brian Cobby, the new voice of British Telecom's "speaking clock", with his predecessor, Miss Pat Simmons (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Tim's new voice clocks in

By Colin Hughes

TIM's voice has broken. For the first time since the telephone "speaking clock" began nearly 50 years ago, a man's voice has been chosen for the part.

His calm baritone will replace the tape of Miss Pat Simmons's modulated alto. Her voice is being retired next spring after 21 years' service. In 1963 she was paid £125 for the honour; yesterday Mr Cobby received a winning cheque of £5,000.

Miss Simmons, who was one of the judges, said Mr Cobby's voice had "warmth, good diction, and friendliness of tone".

Her voice, heard by nearly 300 million callers a year, has been so well loved that she received numerous proposals from admirers of her crystal-clear elocution. "I'm open to offers", Mr Cobby, aged 55, a bachelor, said jokely.

He is well trained for his new role, having spent his national service working for British Forces Network in Hamburg, followed by repertory theatre and films in the 1950s and acting as narrator for *All Our Yesterdays* and *What the Papers Say* on television. It will take a week to record the 79 phrases needed to compile the 24-hour talking clock. "On the third stroke it will be" is followed by all the hours, minutes, and seconds, ending with "precisely".

Mr Cobby's voice will be heard well into the next century, and was chosen for having character without extremes of accent or background which might make it out of date in a few years.

As Mr Cobby told an American reporter who wanted to know what all the fuss was about: "It's an institution you know, part of our national heritage".

Duke faces challenge to catholic presidency

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

An attempt to suspend the Duke of Norfolk's presidency of the Roman Catholic lay organization the Catholic Union because of his views on birth control and similar matters is to be made at its annual meeting in London tonight.

A similar move at a Catholic Union meeting in the summer, was defeated overwhelmingly. The annual meeting is due to consider the reappointment of the Duke as president, a position traditionally held by Dukes of Norfolk.

The Duke addressed the Catholic Teachers' Federation in the spring, saying the papal encyclical of 1968 on contraception, *Humanae Vitae*, was "nonsense". At a meeting of the Catholic Union, a self-appointed consultative body, Mr Peter Hoare, of Tunbridge Wells, who is a member of the Opus Dei organization, proposed that the Duke should resign because of this address.

The Duke said he did not know the catholic teachers' meeting was being reported. The report published in *The Universe* newspaper. The Duke has since written to the Pope declaring his loyalty.

Mr Hoare is due to propose at today's meeting that the presidency be left vacant for 12 months. The executive of the Catholic Union, of which he is not a member, is understood to be solidly behind the Duke.

Disabled barrister must pay car fines

Able-bodied motorists who display "disabled" badges to gain parking privileges were condemned yesterday by a disabled barrister who lost an appeal to have his £85 parking fines rescinded at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr Stewart Yesner, aged 29, paralysed from the chest down since a motor accident in 1974, argued that he was often forced to park illegally in the City of London to reach his job, and that the fines were unduly severe.

Arriving early at the court, Mr Yesner was told that he could not park his car outside without its being towed away. He finally found a car park several blocks away, where he transferred himself to his wheelchair and made his way to court.

Counsel opposing the appeal, Mr Victor Temple, expressed sympathy for Mr Yesner's circumstances but insisted that "proper consideration had to be given to traffic flow" in the City.

Mr Yesner made a special appeal for clemency, saying that he was fighting his case "not on my behalf, but on behalf of the handful of disabled people who have to hold down nine-to-five jobs in central London. For them, it is already difficult enough to simply arrive at work."

Judge Underhill, QC, ruled that, despite the sympathy of the court towards the appellant's case, there were no legal grounds to dismiss the fines.

Boys 'worst shoplifters'

The image of shoplifters as muddled, middle-aged and menopausal women is wrong, according to report published yesterday. Children, particularly boys, are the commonest culprits.

Men steal mainly hardware and do-it-yourself equipment, followed by books, records and tapes, while women take clothes, cosmetics, food and drink. Nearly half of shoplifting offences are for goods worth less than £5, says a report published in *Which?*, the Consumers' Association magazine.

A survey of 1,000 shoppers found that most over-estimated the cost of shoplifting to retailers, at about 15 per cent of turnover. In fact it is about 2 per cent.

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Joseph's change of mind saves parents £21m

EDUCATION

There were loud cheers from Conservative backbench MPs when **Sir Keith Joseph**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in the Commons his decision to withdraw the proposal that parents should make a contribution to student s tuition fees.

Labour MPs protested and shouted "Resign!" when he explained that the cost of this concession would be found partly by reductions and economies elsewhere in the education budget.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said the Secretary of State had been forced into a humiliating climb-down because the Government was terrified of its own backbenchers.

Sir Keith Joseph said it remained the Government's intention to abolish the minimum award and to increase the level of parental contributions to maintenance for those in the middle and upper reaches of the income scale, though he recognized the concern expressed in the House and elsewhere that the proposed increase was too sharp and the notice given too short.

In his statement, Sir Keith Joseph said that when resources were limited, it was right for those parents who could afford to do so to carry a larger share of the costs of their children's higher education in order to release money for urgent needs elsewhere.

The cost of withdrawing the proposal for parental contributions to tuition fees, on which the Secretary of State for Scotland had similarly decided, was £21 million in England and Wales in 1985-86.

Exceptionally, £10 million would be found by an addition to the public expenditure total. The remaining £11m would be found by savings in his recently announced expenditure programme.

There would be a reduction of £6 million in the addition to the equipment grant for universities in 1985-86 from the £10 million announced earlier to £4 million. There would be a reduction of £3 million in the amount he had told the chairman of the advisory board for the research councils was a planned addition for science in 1985-86 from £14 million to £11 million.

A number of smaller economies, amounting to £2 million, would include a smaller increase than already announced for the Pickup programme, and less for educational research, adult education and the microelectronics programme.

The Government also proposed to consider, and consult widely about, whether a radical change in the student support system, which might include loans, should be made so as better to meet the needs of students and their families while safeguarding the interests of the taxpayer.

I believe (he said) that these proposals meet the two main concerns of the House: first that the increase in parental contribution was too sharp and too sudden, and secondly that the system of student support in the longer term should be reviewed.

Mr Radice said the Secretary of State was still not prepared to set up a wide-ranging and independent review of financial support for all those in higher and further education.

He asked: How can the House have confidence in a Secretary of State who has displayed such incompetence and insensitivity?

We would feel more respect for Conservative backbenchers if they also used their muscle on issues which affected far greater numbers. Where is the Tory rebellion on the reduction in the pensioners' heating allowance, the cuts in regional aid and on unemployment? (Labour cheers).

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: It will not be lost on the rest of the House that a Conservative backbench rebellion has for the first time been half successful where the interests of the better-off constituents are involved.

He is misunderstanding the position if he thinks the public outcry is about the suddenness of his announcement. It is because it comes on top of a steady erosion of the value of the student grant.

Why is he messing around trying to find £11 million of damaging cuts in other areas of education when the Chancellor of the Exchequer has already said he is keeping £1,500 million in reserve for tax cuts next spring?

Sir Keith Joseph: All the better-off will still be paying more in parental contributions, despite the announcement today, than they were before.

The question of arriving at the optimum balance between students and families on the one hand and taxpayers on the other will be at the heart of the review that has been announced. As for the £11 million cuts, they are reductions in increases and will leave substantial increases for the science budget.

Sir William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) said Tory backbenchers had been bothered by the inclusion of fees in the parental contribution arrangements, and that this principle affected not just the better off but also students from far less well off homes than was supposed.

What Sir Keith Joseph has now done (he added) has gone a long way to allay the anxieties of these backbenchers.

Would he suggest to his Cabinet colleagues that the lesson was that backbenchers anxious to support the Government must, in such difficult matters, be brought at a reasonably early stage into consultation? (Conservative cheers)

Sir Keith Joseph: The review and following consultation will give an opportunity for the thorough canvassing of the options.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said Sir Keith Joseph had been kicked into grasshopping from one penny pinching point to another. He was giving public money to the assisted places scheme and cutting education left, right and centre.

Sir William Clark (Croydon South, C) said the statement would be welcomed widely in the country and in the House.

Rather than this being a humiliating defeat for him, Sir Keith Joseph, by agreeing and admitting that his first assessment on student awards needed amendment (he said) has shown political courage and political insight, and our benches admire that.

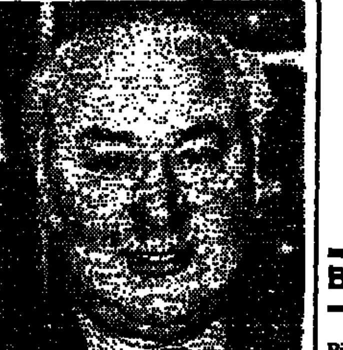
Will he, in his long-term discussions and considerations on student awards, look at the question of the extension of the business loan guarantee scheme for students?

Sir Keith Joseph: We can make sure that suggestion can be taken into account in the review.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab): Labour MPs are not averse to any government taking notice of what backbenchers think. But many of us are deeply concerned at the suggestion for student loans. Ordinary working class youngsters would not get the chance to go to university because their families could not meet the cost.

If the Government continues with this line of action it will meet with the greatest resistance from all sides of the House, I hope.

Sir Keith Joseph: The idea of partial or total loans instead of grants is one which surely should be considered by the review.



Van Straubenzee: He has allayed anxieties

Experience of our neighbours in north-west Europe shows that a suitably drawn partial or total loans scheme does not seem to have discouraged access to higher education there.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C): Will he assure the House that the position of the 70,000 students taken out of contributions in the package he first announced will be safeguarded? Will he bear in mind adult education has suffered severe cuts already and adult education should have no more cut after this year?

Sir Keith Joseph: Those at the lower end of the income spectrum who were going to benefit by the first proposals of the Government will remain benefited exactly as originally proposed. I would not like the House to get the wrong impression about the diminution of money that may have to be made in the allocation to the adult education programme. It will be, as far as we can tell, of the order of £100,000 a year.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): A loan scheme would certainly be resisted. There has been a climb down by the Cabinet and he has been listening to his backbenchers, but what he is putting forward as a substitute is no less damaging to education.

Sir Keith Joseph: I think he is wrong. The effect of a loan scheme, whether partial or total, depends on the detail with which it is constructed. What the Government is proposing, even after the adjustment, is an improvement in the education and science budgets.

Asked to give more details about the position of middle-income parents, he said: It is possible some individual parents may have to pay as much as £270 a year more.

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C): It takes great courage to take the course Sir Keith has done today and he should be given credit for it. Nevertheless, willhe take a longer and harder look than he appears to be prepared to do?

Investment in minds is the finest investment we can ever make in the future, but many of us are dubious about some forms of expenditure on research.

Woiuld he take a close look at some of the unethical research that is taking place in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Medical Research Council.

Sir Keith Joseph: That is a point with which large number of people would strongly agree. But this Government, like previous Governments, has given autonomy to the research councils to make the decsions themselves on such matters.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C): His original proposals seemed to me wholly right in principle but possibly somewhat wrong in execution. There are millions of people who voted Conservative whose incomes are nothing like £19,000 a year. If we are a national party, surely it is our duty to look after all calsses, not just the middle band?

If we are to control Government expenditure must we back down because we have a few letters from our constituents?

Sir Keith Joseph: I agree very much with the first part of what Mr Stokes says. It is an important question, deciding how much the taxpayer should contribue to the expensive education costs of students who, though they are almost certainly going to benefit the public, are good luck to them going to benefit themselves.

MPs set out their legislative ambitions

BACKBENCH BILLS

The following private members' Bills were formally introduced and set down for second reading on the Fridays indicated:

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Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill to prohibit the supply to persons under the age of eighteen of certain substances which may cause intoxication if inhaled. (Mr Neville Trotter, Tynemouth, C).

Small Business Bill to make further provision for, and to amend the law relating to, small businesses. (Mr Michael Grylls, North West Surrey, C).

Fabric Origin Marking Bill to require the indication of country of origin for woven fabrics in outer wear textile products. (Mr Geoffrey Lawler, Bradford North, C).

Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill to amend certain provisions relating to the production of documents under the Road Traffic Act 1972 and the Transport Act 1982 (Mr Timothy Smith, Beaconsfield, C).

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill to exempt persons other than the actual offender from criminal liability in respect of the offences of driving or riding on a motor-cycle in contravention of regulations requiring the wearing of crash helmets (Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Orpington, C).

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Sexual Offences Bill to make, in England and Wales, provision for penalising in certain circumstances the soliciting of women for sexual purposes by men, and to increase the penalties under the Sexual Offences Act 1956 for certain offences against women (Miss Janet Fookes, Plymouth Drake, C).

Sports Fields and Recreational Facilities Bill to enable the Government to direct public bodies and other owners of recreational facilities to inform them of any proposed sale or change of use of sports fields or facilities. (Mr John Carlisle, Luton North, C).

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill to provide for greater public access to local authority meetings, reports and documents subject to specified confidentiality provisions and to give local duties to publish certain information. (Mr Robin Squire, Hornchurch, C).

Water Authorities (Meetings) Bill to apply the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, relating to the admission of the press and other members of the public, to meetings of water authorities, and for related purposes. (Mr Gerald Bermingham, St Helens South, Lab).

Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill to increase the penalties for certain offences relating to controlled drugs within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. (Mr Keith Raftan, Dely, C).

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Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill to amend the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. (Dr David Clark, South Shields, Lab).

Education (School Budgets) Bill to require local education authorities to publish annually certain financial information relating to maintained, aided and special agreement schools; and to require the governing bodies of aided or special agreement schools to publish accounts of income and expenditure. (Mr David Madel, South West Bedfordshire, C).

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Unborn Children (Protection) Bill to make provision relating to human embryos produced by *in vitro* fertilisation. (Mr Enoch Powell, South Down, OUP).

Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill to make provision with respect to the termination of Her Majesty's jurisdiction in Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected therewith. (Mr Ernest Roberts, Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab).

Charter Trustees Bill to provide for the continuation of the charter trustees of any city or town and for the preservation of their powers and of the privileges and rights of the inhabitants of their area upon that area becoming compromised in a borough. (Mr Charles Morrison, Devizes, C).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Chancellor's autumn statement. **Lords** (3): Food and Environment Protection Bill, committee, First day.

Unjust for Greece to use veto

EEC SUMMIT

It would be totally unjust if Greece, which was doing well out of membership of the European Community, and was newly-democratic having known non-democracy, blocked the entry of other newly-established democracies to the EEC, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons.

She assured MPs that the European Council would be bound by the agreement reached on budgetary discipline, although Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, claimed she had failed to get the discipline she had promised.

In her statement on the European Council meeting in Dublin, Mrs Thatcher said it had agreed to set up a review of manpower policy with the aim of directing training to sectors where Labour would be needed, of encouraging job mobility and of fostering enterprise, especially among young people.

It had discussed the creation of jobs by a moderation in the evolution of real wages and a pause in the growth of current public expenditure and a decline for several years in its share of GDP.

The talks on the entry of Spain and Portugal would go ahead and would have to be referred back to the Council of Ministers, especially in view of the position adopted by Greece.

It was agreed to provide 1.2m tonnes of grain to Ethiopia and other drought-stricken areas of Africa in 1985. The Government had appealed to other donor countries to match this effort.

The Council also urged the environment ministers, meeting tomorrow (Thursday) to reach agreement on guidelines for the reduction of lead in petrol and on vehicle emissions.

Mr Kinnock said he welcomed news of the grain to be sent to africa, but asked for more to be sent if the need arose.

Unfortunately (he went on), other consequenses of the meeting are much less sarisfacrory. The Prime Minister has failed to get discipline over the budget that she promised. The document on budgetary discipline has no legaa status. It falls lamentabley short of the objectives even she set herself and promised us in June.

He forecast that agriculture spending would go on rising and asked Mrs Thatcher how this could be justified against a background of financial stringency at home.

Mrs Thatcher said the Government could not commit itself to increased food aid to Ethiopia at the moment. Other countries had also been active in giving aid.

The agreement on the budgetary discipline was binding on the Council, but it was not being embodied into the Treaty.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C): None of the aid we are sending is reaching areas under the control of the Eritrean and Tigre liberation fronts. There is a tremendous inflax of nearly one million refugees into Sudan. That is becoming an intolerable burden.

Will the Government seriously consider sending aid through Sudan to areas controlled by the liberation fronts? There is some justification for it, because they have offered a truce to the Ethiopian Government which has not responded.

Mrs Thatcher: I am aware that everywhere has not managed to get food, but distribution is much better. Mr Amery is the first to be aware of the difficulty of getting food and water to those areas.

She would take up what had been said about Sudan's needs.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UUP): How far are the new budgetary arrangements affecting Britain capable of being overturned or deferred by the action of the European Assembly?

Mrs Thatcher: I do not believe that the new arrangements can be overturned by the assembly. It has to act within the Treaty. The Treaty is 1 per cent VAT. They cannot go above 1 per cent VAT.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) What case is there for an increase in EEC agriculture expenditure?

Mrs Thatcher. He may take that view. Some of us may go a long way with him but it is not a view taken by everyone.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP: In the light of the Greek attitude to enlargement there are the advantages of streamlining the commission from 17 to 12.

Mrs Thatcher: I said at Fontainbleau that we were prepared to accept a Commission of 12. There is not work for 17 commissioners.

In a later reply she said that Greece had substantial net benefit from membership, benefit which had increased over the past two years.

Greece had £404 million net receipts in 1982 and £555 million in 1983, the sharpest rise for any member state, and was the second largest recipient after Italy.

Sir Anthony Kershaw (Stroud, C): Apart from the attitude of Greece, is it expected that enlargement will cause particular difficulties? Is it accepted that Greece has veto on enlargement?

Mrs Thatcher: Negotiations will go ahead on wine, fish, and industrial tariffs. We hope they will be complete by March so that the Council can consider it. It would be true that Greece, or any member, would have a veto on enlargement but I hope that we shall be able to point out that it would be totally unjust if Greece, which is doing well out of membership, and is newly democratic and has known non-democracy, blocked the entry of other newly-established democracies.

Whitehall now more efficient

CIVIL SERVICE

The reduction in Civil Service numbers since 1979 from 732,000 to 617,000 was saving taxpayers some £700m a year, the **Earl of Gowrie**, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said in a debate in the Lords. More than half of the reduction in numbers had been achieved by improving efficiency.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C), who opened the debate on the importance of an efficient and dedicated Civil Service, said those who were concerned with its welfare were increasingly conscious that all was not well. Recruiting the ablest men and women in the universities for the highest grades of the services was increasingly difficult.

The distressing growth of industrial action inside the service underlined the importance of moving into a "no strike" agreement in certain sections important to the community either because of the harm which disruption of them could do to individuals or because of questions of national security and the like.

It might be possible for those who were on "no strike" terms to be distinguished from the rest of the service by having a form of arbitration which, while not wholly and compulsory binding on the government of the day, would be difficult for it to override.

The Earl of Gowrie said real improvement in performance was being achieved by putting staff into key areas. For example, 160 new posts were being allocated this year and next to strengthen customs controls.

There was a move towards a more dynamic managerial style. That means positively looking for regular improvements in performance and value for money.

Two recent developments supported and fitted into the new approach. One was the experiment under which certain staff would be able to earn a bonus for particularly good performance. The other was the publication of a report on a review of the consultancy, inspection and review capabilities in departmens.

Lord Barnett (Lab) said the Government at times seemed to regard a definition of efficiency in the Civil Service as simply cuts in size.

One cannot expect dedication and loyalty (he said) from sullen, cowed staff who are constantly under attack, who then become time-servers and will never give efficiency to their ministers or the state.

Lord Rochester (L) said he welcomed the Government's declaration to match the number of civil service staff more closely to the necessary functions of departments, but there were instances where the efficient execution of some functions would require more staff. An example was the need to monitor the progress of the increasing numbers of long-term unemployed.

Conservatives the party of the workers now – minister

COAL DISPUTE

The Conservative Party was the party of the workers now, **Mr Allan Stewart**, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, said to Labour laughter and Conservative cheers during questions in the Commons on the cost to the Scottish economy of the mining dispute.

He also said it was surprising that some local councils who constantly claimed they were tight on resources found they were so flush with funds to support striking miners.

The loss of coal output directly reduced industrial production by some 2.5 per cent in the second quarter of this year. The recovery in manufacturing output was continuing. The main effect of the strike had been the hardship suffered by the families of the striking miners.

Mr Ronald Brown (Edinburgh, Leith, Lab): The Government should face the facts. The Government is responsible for the crisis. Is it now obvious that the miners are standing firm? They will not be defeated.

Something has to be done to resolve this crisis, bringing both sides together. What does the Government intend to do, if anything?

Mr Stewart: The people who ought to be facing the facts are Mr Arthur Scargill and his colleagues in the NUM. There is a perfectly reasonable basis for settlement available – the terms offered to and agreed by Nacods, the pit deputies' union.

Mr Barry Henderson (North East Fife, C): One of the most unnecessary costs of the mining dispute is as a result of local authorities which insist on dishing out ratepayers' money to support this kind of operation. This not only affects ratepayers directly but has a cost on businesses which is bound to have an effect on jobs.

Mr Stewart: I entirely agree. I know the anger that this action has caused among ratepayers – particularly in Fife.

Mr Alexander Eadie (Midlothian, Lab): Surely he must concede the cost of the miners' strike has been enormous in terms of the economy? The way to resolve that problem is to get back to the negotiating table and negotiate a settlement.

During the time that this Government has been in office, taking 1983-84 prices, there has been less investment in the mining industry in Scotland in 1983-84 than there was in 1979, when the Labour Government was in office.

Mr Stewart: This Government has an outstanding record on investment in coal. It has invested £2 million a day. As for adverse consequences of the strike, there are consequences such as reduced purchases of mining machinery, loss of incomes for suppliers of goods and services to the mining communities.

However, the recovery in manufacturing output is continuing in Scotland and is up 5 per cent in the first half of 1984 as against previous years. On electricity supply, Scotland is in a satisfactory position because of the alternative sources of supply available.

Mr John Maxton (Glasgow, Cathcart, Lab): As he is concerned to bring the strike to an end, why does he not advise the Cabinet to instruct the NCB to go back to the negotiating table and start negotiating on the true facts about the viability of pits instead of the nonsense they have been talking so far.

This report, marked "confidential", which I have in my hands here, by five accountants including two professors of accountancy, shows clearly that the figures and the facts the NCB have been using so far are utter nonsense. Will he go back to the negotiating table on that basis?



Douglas: Winning on basis of hungry bairns' bellies

Mr Stewart: It is Mr Scargill who has said he has not budged an inch. The NCB has put forward a basis for settlement that has been accepted by Nacods. There are 2,267 working miners in Scotland. These are people who are at work and we commend them for going back to work and for their bravery – (Labour interruptions) – in the face of intimidation.

I know Labour MPs regard them as scabs. That is the difference between us. We are the party of the workers. (Labour laugher and loud Conservative cheers).

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfirmline, West, Lab): The minister should agree with the convener of Fife Regional Council that there is nothing the regional council has done that has broken the law.

The convener was perfectly right in saying that no-one in his region will have a hungry belly. It is the intention of the Government to win this strike on the basis of hungry bairns' bellies?

In the season of goowill we are approaching, will the Government show goodwill and get the secretary of State for Energy (Mr Peter Walker) to call the parties to the negotiating table to get an honourable settlement to this dispute? Or is it their intention to win by attrition?

Mr Stewart: There is a responsibility on striking miners to take into account the interests of their families and go back to work.

Mr Hugh Brown (Glasgow, Provan, Lab): Would Mr Stewart echo what I think Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said yesterday when he urged the NUM to return to the negotiating table? If so, would he equally instruct the NCB to be a bit more conciliatory?

Mr Stewart: There is a perfectly reasonable basis for a settlement on the terms that have been already accepted by Nacods. I am sure that if there was a ballot on that proposition put to the members of the NUM as a whole, it would be accepted.

Mr Gerald Malone (Aberdeen, South, C): The report referred to by Mr Maxton was prepared by academics with little experience of the mining industry. It was immediately ripped apart on breakfast television by someone who is an expert in that field.

Mr Stewart: As a former academic myself, I often take with a pinch of salt documents produced by academics.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland: The minister's synthetic rage in the last few minutes has made him look a ludicrous figure, like some sort of demented Paddington Bear dancing at the dispatch box.

The Opposition give the strongest possible support to those local authorities in Scotland who have shown concern and compassion for the hardship in their areas. We would welcome a glimmer of humanity on that issue from ministers at the Scottish Office.

Whatever the record in the United Kingdom, the record of investment in Scottish coalfields since 1979 has shown a decline. Will Mr Stewart give a categorical assurance that there are no plans, to the Government's knowledge, to close pits and reduce the workforce on the lines that has been suggested on fairly compelling evidence by the Scottish TUC and other bodies in Scotland?

Mr Stewart: I am not prepared to comment on the status of particular documents that the NUM or the STUC may claim to possess. That is a matter for the NCB.

We all saw Mr Dewar on television in the Usher Hall giving his support to Mr Arthur Scargill. Mr Dewar is simply clutching at straws to hide the extreme embarrassment of himself and some of his colleagues over the conduct of the NUM.

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Treasury accused of jeopardizing £500m aircraft export order

By John Lawless

Aerospace manufacturers said yesterday that a policy disagreement between the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry was about to lose them £500 million of export orders to Turkey.

Sir Raymond Lygo, managing director of British Aerospace, was giving evidence to a House of Commons committee of inquiry on behalf of 300 companies in his industry, as president of the Society of British Aerospace Companies.

He gave the example of Turkey's wish to buy about 40 Tornado fighter aircraft and seven Airbuses, with an option on another seven. The order was in danger of being lost to Boeing, he said, because the Government would not sanction export loans for Turkey, even though European partners making the aircraft were prepared to do so.

He said: "I believe that major concern exists within the Treasury. I believe that the DTI is prepared to take what I regard as a more realistic view of Turkish creditworthiness, in line with our view."

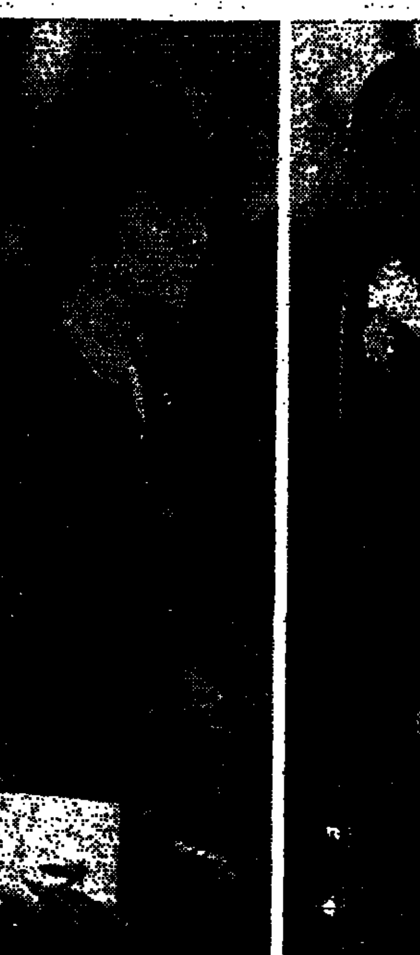
Sir Raymond said that in the case of the potential Tornado deal, in which Britain is a 42.5 per cent partner wth West Germany and Italy, he had written to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr Lawson had replied that he should discuss the matter with Mr Paul Channon, the Minister for Trade, who is to give evidence to the Commons committee next Wednesday and will almost certainly be questioned about the growing feeling of frustration among industrialists across a wide spectrum of industry.

They are complaining that the Government's money-saving attitudes towards export support will increasingly cost them business at a time when trade remains at its most competitive

At issue is the Export Credits Guarantee Department, the government insurance agency, which has had to borrow about £400 million from the treasury to meet claims from exporters for unpaid bills

The Treasury appears to have gained the upper hand over the foreign trade promotion ambitions of the Department of Trade and Industry in demanding cuts in the guarantee department, whose mandate demands that it must encourage exports, but at no cost to the tax payer.





Mrs Margaret Thatcher (left) Lord Home of the Hirsel and Mr Edward Heath (right) were among the congregation at a memorial service for Sir Anthony Berry, Tory MP for Enfield Soughgate, killed in the Brighton bombing. The centre photograph shows Sir Anthony's widow, and their daughter Sasha.

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Strike closes many Scottish schools

The one-day strike by Scottish teachers called yesterday by the Educational Institute of Scotland brought widespread disruption to schools throughout the country (Ronald Faux writes). Many closed and others provided only limited lessons as about 33,000 teachers struck.

The institute, representing 80 per cent of teachers in Scotland, is demanding an independent pay review and has organized further one-day strikes

Throughout Scotland, rallies and marches were held and the institute claimed at least 80 per cent of members in day schools had supported the action. In some places nearly 100 per cent had turned out, notably in the Ayrshire constituency of Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Labour succeeds in improving MPs' attendance record

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Labour chiefs in the Commons were pleased yesterday by the success of their efforts to improve the party's parliamentary performance by ensuring the attendance of more MPs in the chamber.

Throughout the debate on Monday and Tuesday of the second reading of the Local Government Bill, which lasted 14 hours, the Labour attendance never fell below 25, while that of the Conservatives *occasionally fell to 10 and the* SDP-Liberal Alliance never had more than four MPs present.

The operation, planned by Labour's frontbench environment team, follows repeated internal criticism of its showing in Parliament in the face of the huge Conservative majority

It will be repeated for other important pieces of legislation and for the big debates.

The strategy was devised last week at a joint meeting of the party's backbench environment and regional groups. Half of the party's MPs represent constituencies in the metropolitan counties and the Greater London Council, which are being abolished under the Local Government Bill

Attendance in Commons chamber Dec 3 and 4 (Compiled by Labour)

Monday	Con Front bench	Con back bench	Total	Lab	Lib	SDP
4.20pm	15	50	65	64	1	1
5.30	4	21	25	29	1	1
6.30	5	14	19	26	1	1
7.16	4	10	14	26	1	1
8.15	3	8	11	25	0	1
9.15	3	8	11	32	0	1
9.50	6	17	23	36	1	0
10.15	4	16	20	35	0	1
10.45	7	14	21	32	0	1
11.15	9	18	27	44	1	1
11.50	15	57	72	57	1	1
Tuesday						
3.30	7	22	29	43	2	0
4.00	6	17	23	29	2	0
5.00	4	14	18	28	1	0
6.00	3	14	17	25	2	0
6.45	4	6	10	25	1	0
7.15	3	9	12	26	1	0
8.15	3	5	8	38	0	1
9.00	5	14	19	46	1	0



Rate-capping: 1

Battle lines drawn over spending

Rate-capping has been obscured by arguments about abolishing the Greater London Council and other large authorities. But Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the GLC, spoke recently of "a considerable degree of disorder of the street when the impact of rate-capping hits". In the first of three articles *Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent*, explains what may be ahead.

There will be two political battles about local government next year. One is being fought in Parliament. The other, if some local politicians mean what they say, could be fought in the streets.

They will arise because of two things that the Government wants to do to councils. One is to make sure that all is ready for the abolition of the GLC and the six English metropolitan county councils in 1986. The other is to curb the rates.

Rate-capping will come before abolition; it will affect far more councils and will cause greater strains in relations between central and local government. A profound constitutional question lies at the heart of the argument.

Where is the dividing line between the duties of central and local government? The question is most appropriate where the ruling group on the council belongs to the party of the Opposition in Parliament.

One reason why the Government has introduced rate-capping is that it feels that some Labour councillors are trying to set up surrogate socialist governments in exile at the expense of ratepayers.

Councillors such as Mr Livingstone are using their authorities' resources to implement locally the policies which they would like the next Labour government to introduce nationally. But a strong desire to curb such activities is not the Government's only reason for devising rate-capping.

Leaders of the present Government were committed from 1974 to 1983 to reforming the whole rating system. They abandoned hope of doing that last year, much to the disappointment of business ratepayers.

Rate-capping offers the only hope of early savings to ratepayers who once hoped for relief from wholesale rate reform. Ministers have already some control over council spending. They set spending targets for each council each year. The target is the level above which ministers think councils should not spend. But there is no legal barrier to spending above it.

There is instead a tariff of penalties in the form of withdrawal of central government grant towards council spending. The more a council spends above its target, the greater the proportion of government grant that it will lose.

If a council spends 1 per cent above its target, it will lose next year grant equivalent to 7p in the pound on its rates. If it spends 5 per cent above, it will lose grant equivalent to 42p in the pound.

But if it goes on spending, it can reach a point at which the Government has no more grant to take away from it. Beyond that point its spending cannot be restrained.

Ministers invented rate-capping to plug that loophole. They have chosen 18 councils for the first phase of capping next year. The Government will give each a spending limit for next year and a limit for any increase in its rates. Any spending above that level will be illegal.

The law therefore now gives ministers three weapons against councillors with whose spending policies they disagree. One is to cut the central government contribution to local government spending. Another is to impose grant penalties on any council which spends above the targets fixed by ministers. The third is to cap the rates of a few councils.

The Government will issue figures next week to show how next year it will reduce its share of spending by all councils, intensify grant penalties and cap the rates of 18 councils. Labour has a majority on 16 of them.

The stage is therefore set for a confrontation between a Conservative government and a collection of Labour-led councils. Each side is determined not to give ground, but each is less resoulute than its published statements suggest. The Government hoped in the summer that at least one of the councils chosen for rate-capping would break ranks and use the appeals machinery devised by ministers. The October deadline was extended when it became clear that no appeals were forthcoming. Now that the councils have remained united through the autumn, the deadline has been abandoned.

But the unity of Labour councils may not last. They agree about condemning the Government's steady reduction in its share of council spending.

The Labour-led councils chosen for rate-capping have voted for "non-compliance" with the Government. They are committed to rejecting government demands which could lead to cuts in their labour forces or in the services they supply. They are determined not to impose steep rate rises or rent rises for council house tenants. There is only one ingredient of the mixture about which they disagree: What sort of non-compliance are they to adopt?

Tomorrow: The Liverpool factor

'Indifference' within EEC to conservation

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Britain's efforts to make more EEC money available for countryside conservation were being frustrated by the indifference of other member states, the Commons select committee on the enviroment was told

Other countries were reluctant to accept that conservation was an important part of agricultural policy, Mr Brian Peart, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, said. Britain was also getting very little support from the commission in Brussels.

Lord Belstead, Minister of State for Agriculture, was asked if countries such as France and West Germany were really not concerned about environmental matters. "I'm not in a position to say, except that it has not been easy going", he replied.

Although the Government welcomed the greater emphasis in the latest EEC structure proposals on environmental considerations, they did not go far enough, he said.

After the Dublin summit

Spain and Portugal will have to swallow hard bargain to join the EEC

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The rush is now on to complete negotiations with Spain and Portugal so that they can join the Community, as promised, in 1986. The Dublin summit succeeded in putting together at last a Community position to put to the two countries on all major issues and what is being billed as the last major negotiating session is now due in Brussels at the Foreign Ministers Council on December 17-18.

Between then and now Commission officials will be locked in intense preparations, with experts from Spain and Portugal. The outstanding issues are principally concerned with industrial matters, especially on steel production and tariff levels for imports into Spain.

They will also sound out reactions from the two on the newly-agreed positions on wine, fishing rights and fruit and vegetable production, before the full-scale negotiations at the council meeting.

The offer falls well below the minimum expectations of Spain on all these essential sectors, but with time running out both countries are now in a "take-it-or-leave-it" situation. It will be difficult, if not impossible, for Spain and Portugal to succeed at this stage in changing the details of the agreed common position of the Ten, particularly as this has been achieved only with enormous difficulty.

What EEC members have been prepared to offer the would-be members is a transition period of seven years, during which the present members of the club would have increasing access to markets of the new members for their products, while keeping a strict control on products coming the other way.

On fishing rights Spain, which has the largest fishing fleet in Europe, is offered virtually nothing for eight years, and then only limited access until the turn of the century.

Even if these terms can be accepted, the question of how much money the two countries should contribute to the EEC budget is still to be negotiated and they will probably be seeking the same kind of special treatment which Britain has won.

All this needs to be worked out in record time if the target date is to be met, and it is here that the political will and commitment of the community to bring the two new democracies into the EEC fold will be tested.

Rumbling in the background will be the new Greek demand for more money, raised so forcibly at the summit by Mr Papandreou. He still says that he will block enlargement if he is not satisfied with what is on offer by the next summit in March.

Despite the difficulties the betting at the moment is that the negotiations will succeed. But the entry terms are likely to be so tight that it seems certain both countries will start renegotiating from the very day they join.

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Madrid eager to seize chance of completing admission

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain wants, the Dublin summit to expedite its EEC entry negotiations and keep the January 1 1986 accession date.

But it reacted cautiously yesterday to Dublin's clearing the way to the final negotiating rounds. Madrid is worried about the Greek threat of a veto which might upset the timetable and by the risk that the angry reaction of the southern French wine growers might weaken French nerve

The Spanish Cabinet met yesterday to consider the strategy it will pursue after it receives the EEC's full negotiating package in Brussels on December 17. Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, speaking before the meeting, made it clear his desire for a final spurt.

"All the world knows that when negotiations are ripe it is much better to conclude them than let such an opportunity slip away and maybe disappear," he said.

There are two reasons for seeking a quick settlement of entry terms at Christmas or in the New Year. It is thought in Madrid that if negotiations drag on until the next EEC summit in March, ratification of Spanish and Portuguese entry would reach the Parliaments of the ten only by next summer, and 1986 is election year in several countries.

At home, Señor González wants to avoid pressure from influential sectors of Spain's economy. Spokesmen for the Basque fishing interests and the Valencia citrus fruit growers yesterday expressed fears that this is precisely the Government's tactic and accused it of not defending their interests energetically enough

On Spain's plans to help to reduce the EEC's expected future wine lake, Señor González maintains that this policy is in line with his Government's production and quality controls. But the farmers' organization want to know how the poor quality wine producing regions of Castile and Extremadure will be affected.

Britain and the other members of the EEC are close to agreement with Spain on low-tariff car import quotas, which had been a main concern for British interests. Quotas will rise from the present 15,000 to more than 40,000 by the end of the third year after Spanish accession.

Señor Manuel Marin, Spain's chief EEC negotiator, argues that political arbitration is all that is required in several areas. For instance, he says that if Spanish fruit and vegetable exports are restricted, Spain will restrict EEC dairy products, meat and sugar.

Spain's exporters of orange and lemons are refusing to let their products be lumped with fruit and vegetables for discriminatory treatment to protect French, Italian or Greek produce. The EEC's 28.5 million Ecu aid to restructure the Basque fishing fleet is dismissed as being directed to finishing off the Basque fleet and not helping to modernize it.

What the Ten have decided

By Ian Murray

The European summit in Dublin agreed a wide-ranging final statement covering the following subjects:

● **Economic and social situation:** Support for a consistent economic policy framework for improving supply and demand conditions. The Council of Ministers is to review manpower policy to reorientate training towards sectors of labour shortage and will encourage job mobility and "foster enterprise", especially among the young.

The Council is also urged to complete the internal market by removing trade barriers and to harmonize standards. It is also to accelerate measures to give a greater role to the ECU (European Currency Unit) and to develop the European monetary system.

● **Institutional reform and European union:** The *ad hoc* committee on institutional affairs, set up in Fontainebleau in June is to report to the Brussels summit in March. The topic will be the main subject for the June summit next year.

There is also to be a report to the March summit of the committee on "a people's Europe", which has been studying ways to make the Community more relevant to its citizens.

● **Environment:** The Council of Ministers is urged to reach agreement on reducing lead in petrol and on vehicle emissions at their Brussels meeting today. A substantive discussion on environmental issues is planned for March.

● **Budget discipline:** A method to ensure co-operation between the European Parliament, the Commission and Council in controlling Community spending was approved. The Parliament and Commission are to examine ways to define this co-operation. A parliamentary delegation is then to meet the Council each year before it fixes Community spending for the next year.

● **Famine in Africa:** The summit emphasized the urgency of taking concerted international action and agreed that the total to be provided by the Community and member states up to the next harvest should be 1.2 million tonnes. The Commission will monitor contributions by member states to see how much extra will be needed from Community stocks to reach the total.

● **Middle East:** The summit agreed a three-page statement covering the Arab-Israeli conflict, Lebanon and the Iran-Iraq war. There was a renewed call for negotiations for a settlement in all three areas, with a welcome for the United Nations involvement in Lebanon. The Ten repeated their belief that the PLO must be involved in peace negotiations.

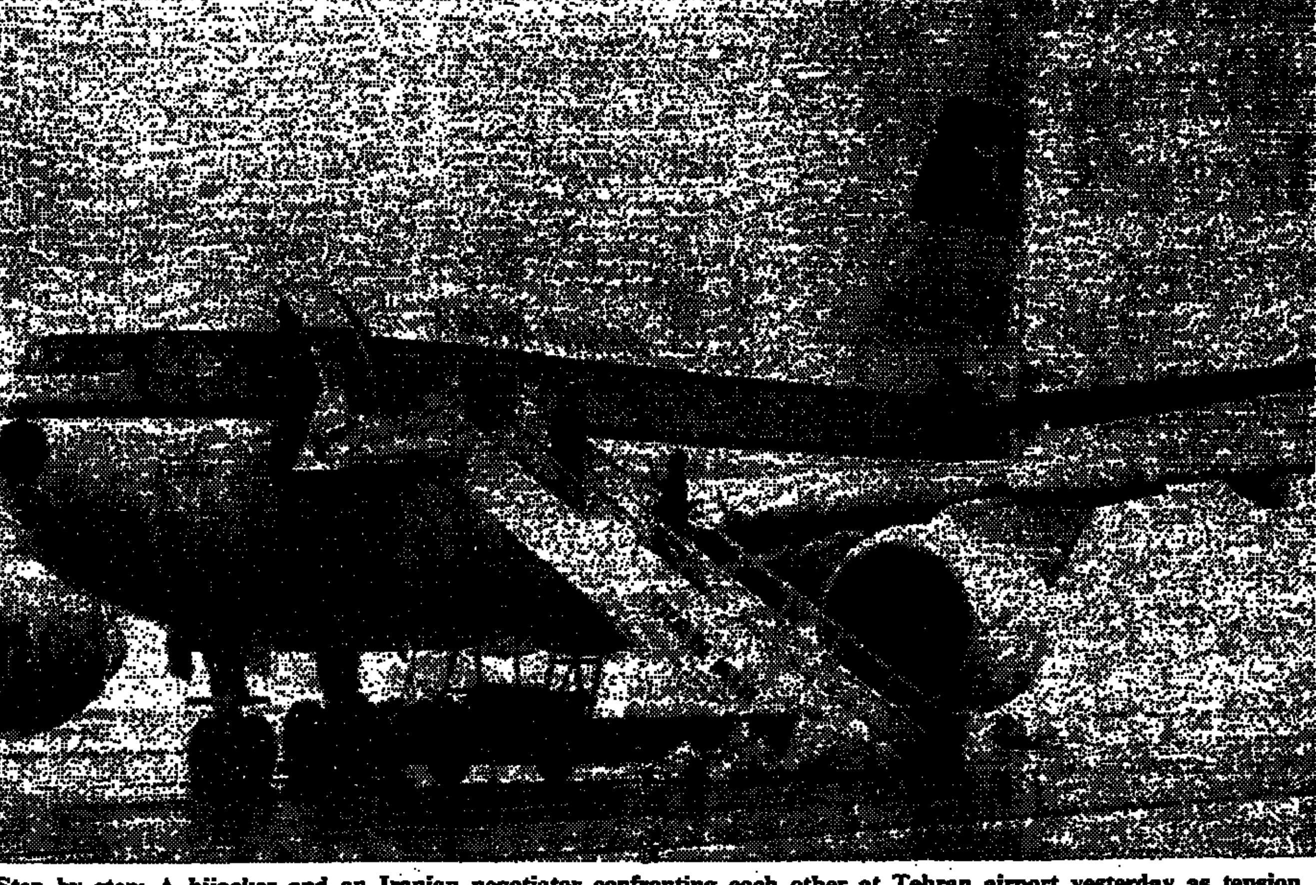
● **East-West relations.** A two-page statement on relations between the two superpowers concentrated on the importance of achieving effective arms control and disarmament agreements on both sides, as well as on conventional and chemical weapons. There was a welcome for the New Year meeting between Mr George Shultz and Mr Andrei Gromyko, with the hope this leads to negotiations on strategic nuclear weapons and weapons in space.

● **Central America:** The summit noted with satisfaction the start of a new dialogue between Europe and Central America with the conference in Costa Rica last September, and reaffirmed its belief there can be no solution by armed force to the area's problems.

● **Terrorism:** In a short statement the summit recognized last September's agreement on closer co-operation to fight terrorism and the abuse of diplomatic immunity. It noted "with satisfaction" that these principles were now being applied.

● **Enlargement:** The summit reiterated its "firm political commitment to the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Community on January 1, 1986."

A central method was approved for reorganization of the common wine market, which agriculture ministers are instructed to implement as soon as possible.



Step-by step: A hijacker and an Iranian negotiator confronting each other at Tehran airport yesterday as tension mounted. There were threats to blow up the Kuwaiti Airbus with about 80 hostages on board.

The Indian chemical disaster

Cause of leak still unknown as death toll continues to rise

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Experimental Insecticide Number 7744, born in Union Carbide Corporation's chemical laboratories in the United States in 1956, has been travelling the world ever since under the trade name Sevin, killing and controlling such everyday pests as cockroaches, crickets and the Colorado beetle.

Until last Monday, it had not been considered a risk to humans. As a refined product, it is safe enough. But one of the raw materials of Sevin is methyl isocyanate, the chemical which has killed more the 1,600 people in India.

Methyl isocyanate (MIC) is a very active organic chemical. Highly volatile, with a low boiling point, it vapourizes when exposed to the air.

Inhaled, it attacks the tissue of the lungs. It attacks protein molecules, such as haemoglobin, the oxygen carriers in the red blood cells. In effect, it deprives the body of oxygen.

The makers and users of MIC never doubted its potential deadliness.

"We have been very much aware of the hazards of MIC. If we hadn't, we wouldn't have been able to make it safely and without problems for over 20 years," David Gilbery, spokesman for Union Carbide's British branch at Harrogate, said.

But he added: "We don't know exactly what caused that leak at our plant in India, and we won't know until our engineers have gone through it with a fine toothcomb."

Mr Alan Sutton, works services manager of the Ciba Geigy chemicals factory near Grimsby, said: "The hazards associated with the use of MIC are fully recognized and carefully regulated in the UK. We use it in accordance with a specific set of safety procedures which are extremely strict for all our manufacturing processes.

"The local emergency services and the Health and Safety Executive are aware that we use MIC."

Dr Werner Dittes, managing director, said: "Despite the rigorous safety measures already in force at our plant, we are in no way complacent about our operations here. It is our normal practice to review our procedures in the light of incidents elsewhere, and we are already doing this following the tragic events in India."

Methyl isocyanate is not manufactured at Grimsby, but used in comparatively small quantities to produce a chemical used in a weedkiller.

In the manufacture of pesticides such as Sevin, MIC reacts with 1-naphthol to become a white crystal, which is marketed as a pesticide either as a liquid, a powder, or pellets.

The production of MIC itself is carried out under rigorously controlled conditions at Union Carbide's factory at the town of Institute, West Virginia. The Bhopal plant in India is said to be very similar to that in the United States. The chemical has safety threshold of 0.02 parts per million under British regulations.

Union Carbide said yesterday that it shipped about six tonnes of MIC from the United States to Ciba Geigy at Grimsby, two or three times a year, in stainless steel 200-litre drums. The drums themselves are transported in closed containers, the company said, adding that "there has never been any incident involving Union Carbide's methyl isocyanate in the UK."

The company rejected suggestions yesterday that pesticides which used MIC as a raw material were outdated and tended to be exported to and used only by Third World countries.

Today, the House of Lords will begin a debate on aspects of the Food and Environment Protection Bill, which is partly concerned with the export of dangerous chemicals to the Third World

Pesticides such as Sevin were produced in the 1950s to cope with the surge indemand for agricultural chemicals, but were overtaken by organochlorines, which were cheap and effective. However, organochlorines were found to be poisonous to wildlife and persistent in soil, and were getting into the food chain. That led to the banning in the early 1970s of such compounds as DDT.

Union Carbide said yesterday, however, that Sevin is commenly used throughout the United States and in such countries as The Soviet Union and Poland. Althoug also produced in Germany and Israel, such pesticides rae little used in Europe, simply because the pests they are intended to exterminate are not a problem.

Deadly chemical stored in Britain

About 1,800 gallons of the deadly chemical methyl isocyanate are in storage at the Ciba Geigy Chemicals factory on the Humber bank near Grimsby, it was disclosed yesterday. The chemical is stored in 40 scaled drums each containing 45 gallons two miles from the centre of Grimsby and less than a mile from the nearest houses. In India, the chemical was stored under pressure.

Athens hit by the bomb jitters

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Bomb disposal experts were called to the British Council building in central Athens yesterday to remove a suspicious package left on the doorstep. Although it contained nothing but a harmless pair of shoes, the incident showed how jittery Athens is after the recent spate of bomb explosions and street battles in the city.

An explosives expert lost his life on Monday while defusing a explosive device attached to an Iraqi diplomatic car, and since then the police have taken no chances with suspicious objects. They detonate them. The bomb disposal unit has been working overtime, with some 50 to 60 bomb scares a day.

The riots on Tuesday night by anarchists protesting against the Athens meeting of the European parliament's 16 right-wing deputies led by M Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the French right wing, added to the unease.

Molotov cocktails were hurled at the hotel where the group is meeting, windows and cars were smashed. The rioters occupied the Athens law school and set barricades on fire. Eleven policemen were injured.

Three youths were charged with seditious action and a series of other offences.

Earlier Mr Amur Mabruki, aged 31, a Moroccan passport-holder, was charged with attempted murder for last week's attack on the life of a Jordanian diplomat in Athens. Mr Mabruki, who said he was a businessman on holiday in Greece, was arrested at the Greek-Yugoslav frontier. He denied any connection with the attempt.

Habré turns down return of troops

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris

President Hissene Habré has refused an offer by France to send back troops into Chad, M Claude Cheysson, the foreign minister revealed yesterday at the same time as he announced that there were still an estimated 3,000 Libyan troops in the north of the country.

The Chad Government has always insisted that it does not simply want a repeat of the previous purely defensive French force in Chad. "We do not want any half-measures. The French soldiers must not simply return, they must fight. "M Gouara Lassou, the Chad Foreign minister, said last month.

Addressing Parliament yesterday, M Cheysson said that President Habré would not have refused the return of French soldiers if he believed the Libyans were preparing an attack. The Libyan troops in Chad were "purely defensive," M Cheysson insisted, adding that if Libya sent in offensive elements, France would "reply with the appropriate means".

Commenting on the Franco-Libyan pact calling for the withdrawal of French and Libyan troops from Chad by November 10, M Cheysson said that France was still trying to obtain a complete Libyan evacuation. "A signature was ignored, violated, and that is unacceptable," he commented.

France has not given any new deadline for the completion of the Libyan withdrawal. Observers point out, however, that it would be extremely difficult for President Mitterrand to attend the Franco-African summit in Burundi on December 11 and 12, while Libyan troops remained in Chad.

The 3,000 figure given by M Cheysson for the number of Libyan soldiers now in Chad is double that given by President Mitterrand on Novembr 16,

France opts for style change

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The appointment of M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, to the EEC Commission in Brussels will not involve an immediate Cabinet reshuffle. M Rolan Dumas, the Government spokesman and the man almost certain to succeed M Cheysson, said at the end of yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

M Cheysson, who would normally be expected to take up his post in Brussels at the beginning of January, has a number of important foreign engagements over the next couple of weeks, including the Franco-African summit in Burundi on December 11 and 12. Informed sources here nevertheless expect that he will be replaced by M Dumas before Christmas.

His replacement after three and a half years in the post is likely to entail a change more of style than of content in France's foreign policy, which has traditionally been kept firmly in the hands of the President.

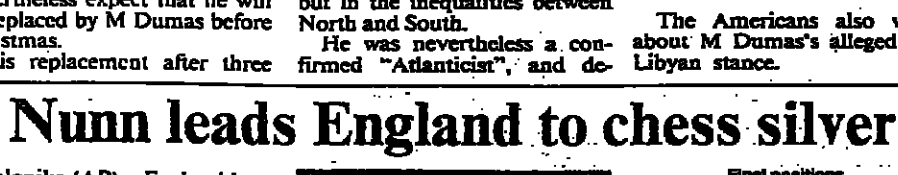
Although not part of President Mitterrands's inner circle, M Cheysson has been a totally loyal servant. Many believe, indeed, that his famous "gaffes" were sometimes not so impromptu as they seemed, but were rather flying a kite for M Mitterrand.

A devoted supporter of Third World causes and a passionate champion of human rights, he believed that the principal threat to world peace was not to be found in East-West relations but in the inequalities between North and South.

He was nevertheless a confirmed "Atlanticist", and despite his outspoken distaste for the American tendency to push its allies around, threw his weight firmly behind the deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe.

That is one point on which M Dumas's record seems less sure. It has not been forgotten that he was the only Socialist MP to sign, in June 1982, the "Appeal of the 100" in favour of disarmament, launched by the French Communist Party. But that was before he was appointed Minister for European Affairs in December 1983. He did not sign the appeal this year, and is unlikely to cross swords with M Mitterrand in future over the issue.

The Americans also worry about M Dumas's alleged pro-Libyan stance.



Nunn leads England to chess silver

Salonika (AP) – England beat the Philippines in the early hours of Wednesday to snatch the silver medal in the final round of the Chess Olympiad and edge the United States into third place.

The Soviet Union, playing without Anatoly Karpov, the world champion had already captured its third straight Olympic gold medal. In the 14-round contest the Soviet team was defeated only once, by the United States who in the final game struggled to a 2-2 draw with Bulgaria.

In the final standings, the USSR finished with 41pts, England 37 and United States 35.

England crushed the Philippines 3-1 in the final session with Tony Miles recovering from a near-certain loss to force a draw against the Filipino grandmaster Eugenio Torres. Jonathan Speelman drew with A Yap, Jonathan Mestell beat E Bernal and John Nunn defeated R Mascarinas.

Nunn's victory, his tenth out of 11 games in the 88-nation contest, sent his international grandmaster ranking soaring into the top ten among chess players.

John Nunn: Ten wins

In the women's contest, the Soviet Union finished with 32 pts to take a fourth successive gold medal in the biennial olympiad. Bulgaria captured the silver medal with 27½ pts and Romania, 27 pts edging out China and West Germany for the bronze.

Final round results

USSR 2½, W Germany 1½; Philippines 1, England 3; Bulgaria 2, US 2; Cuba 2, Hungary 2; Romania 2, China 2; France 2½, Yugoslavia 1½; Israel 2½, Czechoslopazia 1½; Holland 2½, Brazil 1½; Poland 2½, Argentina 1½; Italy 1½, Iceland 2½; Denmark 2½, Spain 1½;

Final positions

1. USSR 41pts; 2. England 37; 3. US 35; 4. Hungary 34½; 5. Romaina 33; 6. W Germany and France 32½; equal eighth, Yugoslavia, Holland, Cuba, Bulgaria, Isreal, China, Argentina 32.

Woman's final round results

Holland 1, USSR 2; Bulgaria 1½, England 1½; China 1½, Poland 1½; Germany 2, Yugoslavia 1; Hungary 1½, Sweden 1½; US 2½, Canada ½; Wales 1½, France ½.

Final positions

1. USSR 32pts; 2. Bulgaria 27½; 3. Romania 27; 4. China, W Germany 26; 6. Hungary 25; 7. England, Poland 24½; 9. Spain, Yugoslavia 24.

● MOSCOW: One win away from retaining his title, Anatoly Karpov agreed to a draw yesterday in the thirtieth game of his championship contest with Gari Kasparov. Karpov, playing black, had made his twentieth move. The players have now drawn 25 of their games. Karpov leads the contest 5–0.

Thirtieth game

White, Kasparov; Black, Karpov

1	P-K4	P-K4	2	Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3	KtxP	P-Q3	4	Kt-KB3	KtxP
5	P-Q4	P-Q4	6	B-Q3	B-K2
7	O-O	Kt-QB3	8	R-K1	B-KKt5
9	P-QB4	Kt-KB3	10	Kt-B3	PxP
11	BxBP	O-O	12	B-K3	BxKt
13	QxB	KtxP	14	BxKt	QxB
15	RxB	QxB	16	QxQP	P-QB3
17	Q-Kt3	Q-Q	18	PxQ	QR-Kt1
19	R-R5	KR-K1	20	RxRch	RxR

Draw agreed.

Hopes fade for 61 miners in blast pit

Taipei (Reuter) – Two miners died and more than 90 were trapped after cave-ins at different levels of privately-owned coal mine 15 miles south-east of here. Hopes of rescuing 61 miners trapped 8,250ft underground by the deeper cave-in were slim because oxygen was running out. Rescue teams were working in the area of the first cave-in, which trapped 31 miners 1,900ft down.

The accidents were believed to have been caused by a methane explosion.

Double threat to Danube

Vienna (AP) – Hungarian ecologists have appealed for an end to work on two mammoth power stations at Gabickovo, Czechoslovakia, and Nagymaros, Hungary, which they say will cause irreversible damage to a broad stretch of the Danube and its surroundings.

In Gland, Switzerland, the World Wildlife Fund said it is taking legal action against the provincial government of Lower Austria which has authorized construction of a hydro-electric project at Hainburg on the Danube. A river bank forest unique in Europe is threatened.

Polisario plea

Algiers (AFP): – The Polisario Liberation Front leader, Muhammad Abdelaziz, appealed in a letter to King Hassan of Morocco for a negotiated end to their nine-year war over Western Sahara. It was Polisario's first such initiative.

Dope ring free

Berne (AP) The Chilean leader and seven other convicted members of an international drug smuggling ring have escaped from Switzerland's only women's prison, Hindelbank, during the past 14 months, it was disclosed here.

Short acquittal

Kampala (AFP) – Uganda's Local Government Minister in the post-independence administration of President Milton Obote in the 1960s, Mr Balaki Kirya, was acquitted of treason and freed by the High Court here, but security officials immediately re-arrested him outside.

Top Swiss

Berne (AP) Switzerland's Economics Minister, Mr Kurt Furgler, aged 60, was elected President of the confederation for the 1985 term. It was the third time he had won the ballot since joining the Cabinet in 1971.

Balkan opening

Vienna (Reuter) – Albania, the Stalinist state that has shunned close contacts with other European countries, has signed five cooperation agreements with Greece on road transport, postal services, telecommunications, culture and scientific and technical matters.

Christian freed

Beirut (AFP) – Seventeen Christians kidnapped nine days ago in Tripoli, northern Lebanon, including 14 members of the Lebanese Army, were released by their Sunni Muslim fundamentalist captors. Christian militiamen lifted a road-block at Berbera.

Ghana devalues

Accra (AFP) – Ghana's currency the cedi was devalued for the third time this year, by approximately 30 per cent. Financial sources said it followed a consultative meeting on Ghana's economy called by the World Bank.

Mine unrest

Johannesburg: (AFP)–Black coalminers began the second legal strike called this year by South Africa's 70,000–strong National Union of Mineworkers at a colliery where there has been a wage dispute since June.

Mobutu treble

Kinshasa (AP) – President Mobutu Sese Seko took the oath of office for his third seven-year term in a ceremony attended by several heads of state, mainly from Zaire's African neighbours.

Political round

Rome (Reuter) – From today, members of Italy's small Radical Party will start marching round Parliament for 11 hours every day for a week to press their fellow MPs to approve a Bill allotting funds to combat starvation in the Third World.

Dog justice

Baden (AP) – A Swiss man who lost custody of the family dog, a cocker spaniel, in a divorce ruling received another spaniel as a gift from the judge who handled the case.

District Judge Luzius Stamm paid 500 Swiss francs (£170) out of his own pocket.

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New Caledonia envoy hints at crackdown but contacts rebel chiefs

From Alan Hamilton, Noumea, New Caledonia

M Edgard Pisani, the French special envoy appointed to seek a solution to the crisis in New Caledonia, yesterday outlined his timetable for a return to law and order and a political accommodation for the militant independence movement.

Addressing the Pacific island's 145,000 people on television, M Pisani, outgoing EEC Commissioner for development aid policy, issued a thinly-veiled warning that French security forces would shortly begin a much tougher crackdown on violence and sabotage, which have resulted in at least two deaths, a dozen serious injuries, and widespread damage to property.

A member of M Pisani's staff has been in contact with rebel leaders to discuss their demand for the release of 17 prisoners arrested during disturbances at last month's election. Their release has been set as a condition for lifting roadblocks. Some remote villages have been cut off for more than a week.

French military helicopters yesterday flew another 80 women and children from outlaying villages, bringing the total ferried to the safety of Noumea, the capital, to more than 400. There were reports of violence, vandalism and arson in country districts.

M Pisani said that, provided order was restored, he would begin consultations with all parties in the independence dispute, including the militant Kanak Socialist National Liberation Font, on December 15. By January 5, he hoped to present the outlines of a settlement for debate by all parties involved, and he aimed to make a final report to President Mitterrand by February 2.

Earlier, in an interview with *The Times* and other correspondents, M Jean-Marie Tjibaou, self-styled president of Kanaky, the name chosen by the Melanasian population should they win independence from France, admitted that 17 members of his movement had spent four months in Libya, but he denied that his "provisional government" was receiving any aid from Colonal Gadaffi or any other foreign power.

M Tjibaou, a 48-year-old Melanesian and former priest educated at the Sorbonne and at a Roman Catholic seminary in Lyons, said his movement had the support of more than half the 62,000 Kanak (Melanesian) population of New Caledonia and that his followers controlled nearly half the island.

Speaking at his movement's tumbledown headquarters in a Noumea suburb where few tourists venture, M Tjibaou said he would remove all road blocks as soon as the 17 prisoners were released.

Despite reports of violence, M Tjibaou said that since the appointment of M Pisani three days ago, he had ordered his men to "cool it". He denied he was leading an armed insurrection.

"We have simply placed people at road blocks to protect our militants in the face of (French) colonists who are well-armed. If the colonists want war, it is they who are equipped to wage it, not us." Active members of the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front are estimated at about 400, armed mainly with shotguns and hunting rifles.

M Tjibaou said his claim to an independent state was based on the Melanesian claim to their own land, progressively seized from them since the first French colonization in 1853.

Under his republic, he said, French settlers, known as *Caldoches*, would have to wait three years to be granted citizenship, and another three years for full nationality. M Tjibaou said M Pisani's peace mission had a slender chance of success.

Any proposed settlement will almost certainly have to be put to a referendum, at the French Government's insistence, and M Tjibaou, knowing he would lose such a vote because Kanaks form a minority of the population, has so far refused to acknowledge any referendum which includes French settlers.

"But if we lose a referendum, we do not have the means to make war." Although M Tjibaou's forces appear to be a raggle-taggle and ill-equipped band, they have struck panic into the hearts of the settlers.

Australian and New Zealand have advised their nationals not to visit New Caledonia.

Middle East peace proposals will dominate meetings with Mitterrand

M Laurent Fabius (left), the French Prime Minister, greeting Mr Peres at Orly airport yesterday.

Peres on historic Paris mission

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The re-establishment of close and warm ties between France and Israel was marked by the arrival in Paris yesterday of Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, at the start of a four-day visit. It is the first time for more than 20 years that an Israeli head of government has paid an official visit to France.

Mr Peres will be the fourth Middle East leader to have had talks with President Mitterrand within the last six months after the French President's recent visits to Syria and Jordan, and President Mubarak of Egypt's visit to France.

The situation in the Middle East and the various peace proposals now being discussed will dominate today's and tomorrow's talks between M Mitterrand and Mr Peres, but no spectacular initiative is expected.

M Mitterrand can be expected to maintain France's position on the Middle East. While France upholds the right of Israel to secure borders, it also insists on the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to a state of their own, and wants the Palestine Liberation Organization to be "associated" with any Middle East peace negotiations. Israel rejects any negotiation with PLO "terrorists".

France's position is less clear towards an international conference on the Middle East under the aegis of the United Nations, with the participation of all the parties involved, incuding the PLO and possibly the Soviet Union, as advocated by Syria, Jordan and Egypt, but again opposed by Israel. France has sometimes appeared to support the proposal, but has recently adopted a more ambivalent attitude.

Differences over the Middle East are not expected to overshadow the talks, however. In an interview with *Le Monde* on the eve of his visit, Mr Peres said France was well placed to promote a dialogue.

Franco-Israeli relations have been chequered. The solid friendship established soon after the foundation of Israel was broken by de Gaulle's markedly pro-Arab policy in the 1960s. The cool relations between the two countries continued under Pompidou and M Giscard d'Estaing.

The 1981 election of M Mitterrand brought a shift back towards Israel, and in March 1982 the President became the first Western leader to pay an official visit to Israel. But it was not a return to the halcyon days of the 1950s.

M Mitterrand was determined to pursue as far as possible an even-handed policy. Making friends with Israel did not mean abandoning France's forthright condemnation of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and the Sabra and Chatila massacres.

The damage caused to Franco-Israeli relations by those events has now been repaired. The fact that M Mitterrand and Mr Peres are both socialists and friends of long standing can only serve to increase the warmth of the new friendship.

Cairo and Amman warned on PLO

From Moshe Brilliant, Tel Aviv

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli acting Prime Minister, told Egypt and Jordan yesterday that their support for the Palestine Liberation Organization and peace with Israel were incompatible.

He was winding up a parliamentary debate on recent Middle East developments, which Israeli left-wingers said opened new vistas for peace.

Mr Shamir said events such as the meeting of the Palestine National Council in Amman last week had not altered the PLO's aim to annihilate the state of Israel and establich another Arab state in its place. The diplomatic offensive was a technical move supplementing but not replacing terror.

Mr Shamir, who is standing in during Mr Shimon Peres's visit to France, quoted Abu Iyad, deputy of Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, as having told the Amman convention that in expressing a desire for an independent state on any part of Palestinian land, the PLO had not given up its claim to all of it. Abu Iyad was quoted as having said: "The Zionists took Palestine inch by inch and we must retrieve it inch by inch".

Mr Shamir said: "Any Jordanian partnership with this murder organization blocks every path to peace." Another obstacle was "the vain and dangerous illusion" of Israel returning to its 1949 borders.

Nato defence planning

Europeans pressed to step up spending

From Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent, Brussels

The United States is again exerting pressure on European members of Nato to make extra efforts to improve their conventional defence.

Although the Americans have welcomed the decision taken on Tuesday to more than double Nato's spending on improvements to airfields and other facilities, it is clear that they do not think that this goes far enough.

At the end of the two-day meeting of Nato's Defence Planning Committee here yesterday the official communique stated that the organisation's secretary-general, Lord Carrington, had been asked "to come forward with proposals for a coherent effort to improve Nato's conventional defence."

Lord Carrington said the focus of this week's meeting had been on the upgrading of the conventional – non-nuclear – part of Nato's deterrent which was "the key to the political acceptability of flexible response".

The meeting was rife with speculation abour a possible US "conventional defence initiative".

Although no detailed proposals have been put forward, they seem very keen that means should be found to maintainb the impetus of defence development within the alliance, as the commitment to a 3 per cent annual real growth, under which Nato has operated since 1979, expires in just over a year.

The studies which Lord Carrington is to carry out will primarily concentrate on making more effective use of resources through the harmonization of the efforts of individual countries, and through the establishment of clear priorities.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, announced here that the number of Russian SS20 missile launchers deployed had risen from 378 early this year to 387.

As the SS20s are deployed at a rate of nine launchers to a base, this suggests that only one new SS20 base has come into operation.

However, Mr Weinberger denied that this represented a slowing down in the rate of Soviet missile deployment. He said that apart from the missiles formally deployed, there were many other SS20 launchers which were in all probability in other areas, and many of these were likely to be deployed very shortly.

Chernenko raises peace hopes

Moscow (Reuter) – President Chernenko said yesterday the Soviet Union was prepared to adopt radical solutions to the arms race and hoped to reach understandings with America in the forthcoming talks. Moscow's top priority was a ban on space weapons, he said in a message to International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Weinberger opposes arms cuts

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, will fight a strong rearguard battle with his Cabinet colleagues next week to ensure there are no deep cuts in American defence spending in the 1985 budget proposals now before President Reagan.

Mr Weinberger will also try to lessen the continuing strong opposition in Congress to the building of the MX missile. The President wants to deploy 100 of these.

Two right-wing Republicans, Senator Steven Syms of Idaho and Senator John East of North Carolina, have further complicated the MX controversy by threatening to vote against the missile if President Reagan does not stop abiding by the unratified 1979 strategic arms limitation treaty (Salt II), because of alleged Soviet violations.

But a State Department spokesman said on Tuesday that the President's policy on interim restraint had not changed.

US presence in Europe defended

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

The withdrawal of American troops from Europe would strengthen the hand of those who call for European neutrality and an accommodation with the Russians, Sir Geoffrey Howe says today.

Far from prompting Nato's Old World members to stand on their own two feet, it would make them question their defence commitments to each other, he writes in the journal *Foreign Affairs*.

The European Community, despite progress towards integration, was still only a collection of separate states, unable to switch resources as was possible in one nation like the United States.

Even so the European share of Nato defence spending had risen from 23 to 40 per cent during the last 15 years. Between 1971 and 1982 the European contribution actually rose by a quarter while the American figure went slightly down.

Coffee pickers murdered in Contra harvest war

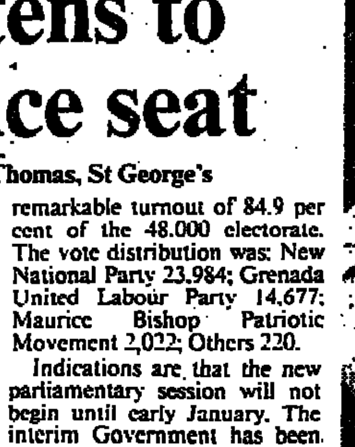
Managua (Reuter) – At least 23 people have allegedly been killed by right-wing guerrillas in the northern Nicaraguan city of Estelli.

Residents said the victims, who included students and workers, were ambushed on Tuesday on their way to work as coffee pickers in the northern province of Nueva Segovia, close to Contra bases in neighbouring Honduras.

It was the largest single casualty figure since the Washington backed rebels started to sabotage the coffee bean harvest in a bid to cripple the Nicaragua economy which relies on coffee for most of its export earnings.

The Agriculture Ministry estimates that about 11,000 tonnes of coffee have been left to rot this year because pickers have been diverted to help the country's war effort.

Blaize unmoved as Gairy's MP threatens to renounce seat



From Christopher Thomas, St George's

The only opposition MP in the new Grenadian Parliament, Mr Marcel Peters, is threatening not to take up his seat in protest at the "fixed" general election.

He is a member of the Grenada United Labour Party, headed by Sir Eric Gairy, the former Prime Minister. The New National Party captured 14 of the 15 seats.

Mr Peter's constituency is outside Grenville, a one-street town where Sir Eric was born. It is traditionally a stronghold of the party.

Sir Eric said he might join forces with the pro-Cuban Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement to protest about Monday's election, which both parties claimed was rigged by the United States. Observers from Britain, Canada and the Organization of American States said it was "flawless".

If Mr Peters does decline his seat, there will be a by-election. The threat is clearly of little concern to Mr Herbert Blaize, the Prime Minister. Opposition, he said, was no business of government. No one takes seriously Sir Eric's claim that his supporters were disfranchised by the use of disappearing ink.

The final figures show a remarkable turnout of 84.9 per cent of the 48,000 electorate. The vote distribution was: New National Party 23,984; Grenada United Labour Party 14,677; Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement 2,022; Others 220.

Indications are that the new parliamentary session will not begin until early January. The interim Government has been disbanded and Grenada is temporarily in the hands of the civil service, while Mr Blaize ponders the formation of his administration.

After a rowdy but trouble-free day of celebrations on Tuesday, the island settled down to a special public holiday yesterday.

Mr Blaize has asked the United States to keep its 200 military personnel on Grenada until local security force has been trained and equipped. Caribbean countries have also been requested to keep their troops here.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan yesterday said the election represented an achievement of historic importance, the first occasion in which a nation had returned to democracy after being freed from Marxist-Leninist rule (Mohsin Ali writes).

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Winner's welcome: Mr Blaize arriving at Point Salines airport from Carriacou. Hooting cars, lorries and buses later joined the 10-mile procession to St George's.

Bolivians win big pay rises

La Paz (Reuter) – Bolivian trade unions called off a seven-day-old general strike last night, saying they had secured wage rises of more than 750 per cent and a Government agreement to freeze the prices of basic foodstufs.

"We have obtained substantial economic improvements for workers, active and passive alike," Señor Juan Lechin, leader of the Bolivian Workers Confederation, told reporters

President Hernan Siles Zuazo's Government made no immediate statement about the settlement, but Government sources expressed satisfaction that the strike was over.

The stoppage, in protest against tough government austerity measures to stave off economic collapse, fed fears of a new military takeover in coup-prone Bolivia.

The unions said that the Government had pledged to freeze the price of 10 basic foodstuffs indefinitely. Inflation is running at around 1,000 per cent, according to the National Statistics Institute.

The Government introduced price rises of up to 200 per cent on food and 1,100 per cent on fuels last month in an attempt to slow rapid economic deterioration.

The stoppage was the seventh called by the unions this year.

Sri Lankan troops are accused of killing 85

Colombo (AP) – At least 85 people were killed in the northern district of Mannar after a guerrilla attack on a Sri Lanka army convoy, hospital sources said yesterday.

Residents of the area, about 192 miles north of Colombo, alleged that troops went on a rampage on Tuesday to avenge the killing of one soldier and the wounding of six others in a landmine explosion.

A Government spokesman denied the allegations, saying soldiers killed 24 separatists after an attack on an army jeep.

Tamil rebels are fighting for an independent state in the north and east of the island. They form about 18 per cent of the population, but dominate the northern region. They claim persecution by the Sinhalese majority.

Mannar Hospital said it had received the bodies of between 85 and 90 people killed in Murunkan and Parapankandal villages on Tuesday.

Between 25 and 30 people were being treated for gunshot wounds, said the hospital sources, who requested anonymity for their own security. They said most of the dead were Tamil civilians killed in random reprisals by troops.

The army had been accused of setting fire to more than 100 Tamil houses and shops in the Mannar area in August after rebel attacks.

Australian outlook: Part 2

Drug fears rise as big fish go free

In the second of three articles on Australia, Alan Hamilton, who covered the re-election of Mr Bob Hawke, discusses public responses to corruption and drug addiction.

Of infinitely greater interest to the average Australian than last week's general election, judging by the news priorities of the tabloids and of some television stations, was the story that Bold Personality had been substituted for Fine Cotton in a race at Eagle Farm last August.

Not only the bookmakers and a leading punter alleged to be at the centre of the ringer scandal, but a Roman Catholic priest and five other supposedly *upright citizens* were warned off the tracks for life by the Australian Jockey Club.

A few days previously, Sydney commuters had had a free ride to work when toll collectors on the harbour bridge staged a 24-hour strike in protest at the dismissal of four of their mates for helping themselves to the toll money. No wonder, 52 years after it was built, the bridge is still not paid for.

Then there is the case, still before the courts, of the former Prisons Minister who is alleged to have let prisoners out early in return for a bribe.

And there is the Costigan Commission, which uncovered "bottom of the harbour" asset-stripping fiddles estimated to have cost the Government thousands of millions of dollars in lost tax, not to mention the implication that numerous public figures were associated with organized crime.

There are the allegations, made in a BBC *Panorama* programme last week, of vote-rigging by the Australian Labour Party in New South Wales, not forgetting two judges, one state and one federal, who are suspected of conspiring to pervert the course of justice as a favour to a friend.

It can ofter appear that Australia, founded as a penal colony, still is one.

Not that Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, has himself been in any way touched by the shadow of impropriety. The Opposition Leader's taunt that he was "a little crook" has entirely failed to stick. Mr Hawke just has the misfortune to lead a nation where doing a favour for a friend appears often to be regarded as a more proper course than playing the game strictly by the rules.

Besides, Australians have a strong gambling instinct, leading them to believe that there are certain risks worth taking. They spend the equivalent of £400 per head every year on horses and lotteries, and Sydney alone has an estimated 150 illegal casinos.

The fact that crime and corruption never really became an election issue, except fleetingly towards the end of the campaign, could be taken as an indication that Australians regard its existence as a normal part of the scenery. In other words, there were no votes in it.

Mr Hawke's campaign promise to assign A$10m (£7.1m) to upgrade the federal police computer is hardly the action of a man who fears imminent takeover by the mob.

If anything alarms the average Australian, it is not the policeman getting his Friday night "freebie" from the prostitutes of Sydney's King's Cross, but the enormous increase in drug addiction. The nation's turnover of illicit drugs has reached an estimated £1.1 billion, and even the Prime Minister's daughter succumbed to heroin, although she is now reportedly well on her way to a cure.

Federal police now have the right to tap telephones in the case of suspected drug dealing, the only area of crime where they have such a power. The upgrading of the police computer is largely aimed at smashing the drug rings.

Drug addiction is a product of crime which affects families directly and often tragically, whereas backhanders and favours in the public service are not. There is nevertheless concern in many quarters that the Costigan Commission has been replaced by a permanent, but relatively powerless, National Crime Authority. The big fish, it is felt, are still getting away, but unfortunately too many Australians do not seem to mind.

Tomorrow: Immigrants

Mintoff to announce retirement soon

From our Correspondent
Valletta

Mr Dom Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister, who is expected to announce his resignation soon, observed on Tuesday that the speech he was making could be his last on foreign policy.

He was winding up a parliamentary debate on a Bill to ratify the treaty of friendship and co-operation between Libya and Malta. Pollitical observers believe he will announce his resignation after his return from Moscow, and will choose December 22, the last day of the 1985 budget debate, which is being televised live. The Prime Minister will also deliver his annual end-of-year broadcast to the nation.



Mr Mintoff: Last speech on foreign policy

Mr Mintoff's successor has already been chosen by the Malta Labour Party. He is Dr Carmelo Mizsud Bonnici.

Mr Mintoff has been leader of his party for 35 years.

Heart man regaining his strength

Louisville, (NYT) – Nine days after receiving an artificial heart, Mr William J Schroeder is moving into the next phase of his recovery: exercise and rehabilitation.

Yesterday, to help Mr Schroeder regain his strength, doctors at the Human Heart Institute International started an excerise programme, getting him out of bed, moving around and developing a more effective range of motion and use of his muscles.

Mr Schroeder, a 52-year-old retired civil servant, remains seriously ill but is slowly regaining his strength. He is now able to stand up and walk to a scale to be weighed, his doctors said. Last Thursday, when he got out of bed and took his first steps since the implant operation, he needed assistance.

"He is progressing very well and we are all very pleased." Dr. William C. Devries, his surgeon, said at a news conference. He said Mr Schroeder was recovering at the pace doctors expected.

More die in clashes on Thai border

Bangkok (AFP) – Khmer Rouge guerrillas clashed with Vietnamese-led Phnom Penh forces near the Thai border, 155 miles east of here yesterday.

Reports, quoting Khmer Rouge sources, said 10 Vietnamese troops had been killed and that the rebels suffered undetermined losses. The fighting occurred between 5am and 7am on Cambodian soil near the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet.

Guerrillas loyal to Mr Son Sann, chief of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, also engaged Vietnamese forces near the Nong Chan resistance base about 20 miles to the north east.

Guerrillas attempted to cut off a Vietnamese supply line to recapture the Nong Chan encampment, portions of which had fallen to Vietnamese in recent weeks. Rebels said five of its men were killed and 13 wounded in an unsuccessful attempt to regain control of a lake inside the Nong Chan base, which had been under Vietnamese siege for about a month.

Fair shares in the French franc's richest five

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Three women are among the five richest people in France, with fortunes of more than 1 billion francs (£85m), according to research carried out by the *Nouvel Observateur* magazine.

M Marcel Dassault, owner of the Dassault aircraft manufacturers, remains the richest person in France with "at least 5 billion francs". Next comes Mme Liliane Bettencourt, daughter of the founder of the Oreal cosmetics company, with a fortune estimated at 2.5 billion francs.

In the third place, with 1.4 billion francs, is Mme Anne Gruner-Schlumberger, daughter of the founder of the Schlumberger multinational company.

She is followed by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, the banker, with a fortune "well in excess of 1 billion francs", and in fifth place is Mme Georgette Deutsch de la Meurthe, whose family is the biggest shareholder in Shell France.

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Dear friend of Freud, Rilke, and Nietzsche

James Fenton reviews the biography of a woman of influence in religion, sex, feminism and psychoanalysis

LOU ANDREAS-SALOME
By Angela Livingstone
Gordon Fraser, £18.50

Lou Andreas-Salomé, a name that is hard to forget, is a character who is bound to arouse curiosity in anyone who has ever heard one or two things about her. It is enough, perhaps, to see the photograph in which she is seated on a hand cart holding a whip, supposedly being pulled by her philisopher-lovers Nietzsche and Paul Ree. Or to hear that, in addition to Nietzsche, she was loved by Rilke and, after a fashion, by Freud. Once you know this much, you imagine her to be quite simply the most successful lion-hunter in history.

Maybe she was. But the story is stranger still. She was loved by Nietzsche but she refused to enter sexual relations with him. She lived with the unfortunate Ree on the same terms. She married the shadowy Professor Andreas, loved him but, when he tried to get into bed with her, throttled him until he had to give up. (I'm not sure I believe the story that she woke up in the act of strangling him, but perhaps there is a sense in which this is true). What she wanted, and what she got, from such people was an extremely tense intellectual relationship based on, but excluding sex.

Then along came Rilke, and she became his lover. One imagines, if one doesn't know the story, that she just went to bed with a famous poet called Rilke – but this is not so. She was 36. He was 21. He hadn't yet written any of the works for which he became famous; and anyway she wasn't tremendously interested in poetry. What brought them together was a similarity in their views about Jesus. What got them into bed together I can't quite imagine.

Lou had been afraid of submitting intellectually and physically to any man. Her marriage had been a submission of one kind – she felt that her destiny was mysteriously bound up with that of Professor Andreas. Marrying him was an act of obedience to destiny. But obedience to destiny did not mean obedience in bed. In the case of Rilke, perhaps at the age of 36 she finally felt that sexual relations with a sensitive young man would not entail submission. Perhaps her confusions were such that it was only when sleeping with a much younger man that she could be sure she was not in bed with her father. But in that case, surely, any young man would have done as well. It does seem rather fishy that her first lover should turn out later to be – by coincidence – a great poet.

Professor Andreas, by the way, appears to have suffered terribly. Before their marriage, during a discussion which may have been about her intention to preserve her virginity, he took a knife and stabbed himself. The doctor, when Lou fetched him, thought that Lou had done the stabbing. I'm not sure I don't agree. Then there was the strangling scene already referred to. And then, before Rilke came into view, a certain Georg Ledebour had fallen in love with Lou, and she for a while had reciprocal feelings of sexual attraction. Professor Andreas went into murderous rages and finally threatened suicide. Lou countered by proposing a double suicide. Finally Ledebour went off, as certain others were to go off, in an abiding fury against Lou.

She does appear to have been supremely able to inspire love. One of her admirers, we are told, on catching a single word from her lips, found tears starting to his eyes – and dropped his monocle in consequence. But that capacity to inspire but not satisfy love is a most destructive gift. When Lou was Nietzsche's pet (she was 21, he was 38 – the reverse of the Rilke-Lou situation), the philosopher veered from total infatuation to misery at – he felt – having been taken in and made a fool of. A part of his misery must be laid at the door of his possessive and thoroughly malicious sister. But the story is a replay of the very striking circumstances of Lou's spiritual instruction as a teenager.

She went secretly to a very gifted pastor, and proceeded to take her instruction sitting on his knee. After her father had died, she told her mother what was going on. The pastor in question had, meanwhile, decided that he should marry his brilliant and beautiful young pupil, instead of merely sitting her on his knee. He approached the mother, who told the daughter, who instantly became entirely disillusioned with her spiritual instructor, fell ill, and was obliged to go abroad (from her native St Petersburg) for her health's sake.

Set out like this, the facts of Lou's life may look somewhat stark and unmistakable – she was an intellectual and sexual flirt; she was suffering from a mighty great father-fixation, or whatever. But we are talking about the 19th century and a milieu in which progressive thought coupled with romantic ideas of friendship could easily muddy the waters. Her idea of a relationship with Paul Ree consisted of a study with bedrooms giving off it at either end. Emerging from their separate beds, the two of them would study philosophy together and entertain like-minded spirits.

And this is what they did for a while. They lived what she thought to be the exemplary life of the spirit, a serious, high-minded kind of existence. When she suddenly married, Ree slunk away like a wounded animal. His last note to her – "Be merciful, don't look for me" – speaks volumes.

Years later, when Lou discovered psychoanalysis, she was so happy that Freud used to remark it was as if she had been given a Christmas present. She rapidly absorbed and adapted Freud's teaching to her own ideas, and she became a practising analyst (without undergoing analysis herself, incidentally – that was not yet obligatory). Angela Livingstone, the author of this judicious and well-written study, does not normally let Lou off the hook very easily. But in the account of the last years it seems to me there is more for a biographer to say and decide. It was then that her path crossed that of Viktor Tausk, Freud's brilliant and tragically-fated pupil. A triangular relationship grew up, in which it has been suggested that Freud was attempting to keep Lou at bay by having Tausk deputize as her lover. What we are told here about her alignment with Freud in the various schisms of the period is enough to make one very uneasy about her role in the Tausk affair, which ended with Viktor's suicide. I suspect that Angela Livingstone was a little put off by the eternally controversial nature of this material.

At all events the evidence here given suggests that Lou saw her relationship with Freud as being the crowning achievement of her life. Her support for the man was unconditional. When he was recovering from an operation and she learnt what pain he had been through, she wrote to him saying that she would like to find a person responsible for that pain and tear his arms and legs off. Freud raised an eyebrow at her phraseology. Normally Lou had no difficulty in rejecting anyone who appeared to threaten Freud's position. In the case of Tausk and his suicide she appears, from this account, to have had a bad conscience. One would like to know a little more. The story has such resonances, coming at the end of such a brilliant and dangerous career.

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BOOKS II

American Dionysus: Shelley of his age

POETRY

Robert Nye

Robert Lowell once called Hart Crane "the Shelley of my age", which gets it about right. The surprise is that the work of this modern Shelley has been unavailable in Britain for years – a state of affairs now rectified by the publication in paperback of **The Complete Poems of Hart Crane**, edited by Brom Weber *(Bloodaxe Books, £4.95)*. Here is all the verse which Crane wrote in the course of his short and tortured life, a hundred poems or so, many of them gauche or fragmentary, strident or incoherent, but perhaps half a dozen of them not; half a dozen of them near-perfect expressions of an absolutely twentieth century lyrical genius:

O brilliant kids, frisk with your dog,
Fondle your shells and sticks, bleached
By time and the elements; but there is a line
You must not cross nor ever trust beyond it
Spry cordage of your bodies to caresses
Too lichen-faithful from too wide a breast.
The bottom of the sea is cruel.

Crane, of course, is one of those writers who arouse violent sympathies in their admirers and equally passionate dislike in other people. He could be fastidious and precise in his use of language – see the superb early poem, "Chaplinesque", which among other felicities manages to catch the movement of Chaplin's little tramp persona in its rhythm and choice of words. He could also pour out great clouds of windy rhetoric, sentimental when it wasn't simply evasive or pretentious – see the "Indiana" and "Cape Hatteras" sections of "The Bridge". To my own mind, "The Bridge" – that vastly ambitious attempt to write a consciously major poem that would make "a mystical synthesis of America" – seems irrelevant to Crane's real achievement as a poet.

That achievement I would define by reference to the half dozen poems already mentioned, which comprise the Chaplin one, "The Wine Menagerie", "The Broken Tower", "Legend", "Praise for an Urn", and the important sequence called "Voyages", quoted above. In these poems Crane's peculiar kind of lyricism, leaping language, passionately intelligent feeling, is held in balance, however precariously, by a desire to make sense of something beyond himself. I do not think one does Crane any disservice by insisting on his best work, and pointing out its difference, almost in kind, from what in drunken moments he thought was most representative of him.

He had supreme lyric gifts, and he wrote with more dense and complex feeling than most of his contemporaries. It is a tragedy not only that he killed himself, but that he was critically misled or self-deluded about the nature of his own talent. The mystery is not that he lived and died in the Dionysian way that he did, but that he managed to stand still in himself some half a dozen times and observe his own fate with exactitude:

Then, drop by caustic drop, a perfect cry
Shall string some constant harmony,
Relentless caper for all those who step
The legend of their youth into the noon.

● A living English poet with at least some of Crane's vigour is Tony Harrison, as can be seen from his **Selected Poems**, published simultaneously in King Penguin paperback (£3.50) and Viking hardcover (£9.95). Harrison was born in Yorkshire in 1937, and has been hailed as the first genuine working-class poet England has produced this century. At his best, his work is all his own, witty, uninhibited, a series of plain but exuberant statements about birth and copulation and death, all discovered with a mixture of glee and deadpan truthfulness. He defines his own gift agreeably:

How you became a poet's a mystery!
Wherever did you get your talent from?
I say: I had two uncles, Joe and Harry –
One was a stammerer, the other dumb.

I like the way Harrison makes his poetry out of whatever he finds around him, formulating his ideas from what are obviously lived experiences. Honesty is not such a common virtue in contemporary verse that one can afford to ignore it, expecially when it comes in well-shaped stanzas.

● Those who care to collect all this poet's separate editions will also want his translation of work by a fourth century Alexandrian epigrammatist, **Palladas: Poems** *(Anvil Press, £2.95 paperback)*. Palladas, pagan and argumentative, has a snarling wit that speaks across the centuries in a voice not unlike Harrison's anyway.

● Marianne Moore's **Complete Poems** *(Faber, £2.95 paperback)* consists of verses tailored to suit their author's studied eccentricity – finicky-worded stanzas of varying line-lengths, their syllables religiously counted, their rhyme-patterns arbitrary, the whole a sort of dry but affectionate verbal interlacing of all that has taken her fancy, from a giraffe down to Yul Brynner. I can enjoy the cleverness, but I recognize poetry only on those few occasions where Moore is shaken out of absorption in the quaintness of her own fancy sufficiently to write without it. One such occasion, entitled "I May, I Might, I Must", is short enough to be quoted in full:

If you will tell me why the fen
appears impassable, I then
will tell you why I think that I
can get across it if I try.

Emily Dickinson could have written that. Too many of the longer poems are more like things Emily Dickinson could have *sewn*.

How a quaint fancy grew into a rich and disturbing creative imagination

John Russell Taylor

THE JOURNALS OF DENTON WELCH
Edited by Michael De-la-Noy
Allison & Busby, £14.95

I LEFT MY GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE
By Denton Welch
Allison & Busby, £7.95, paperback, £2.95

DENTON WELCH
The Making of a Writer
By Michael De-la-Noy
Viking, £12.95

Taking tea with Denton Welch must always have been accounted a high-risk occupation, but especially once his largely autobiographical writings (even those lightly disguised as fiction) had started to come out with *Maiden Voyage* and *In Youth is Pleasure* in the last years of the war. For here was an eye, and a mind, needle-sharp and – though not essentially unkindly – merciless. If one came anywhere within range of either, one was all too likely to be pinned down in primly feline prose, like a butterfly on a board, for the dispassionate scrutiny of strangers.

The full extent of the pinning-down process became evident only with the first publication of Jocelyn Brooke's selection from the journals in 1952 four years after Welch's death. And even with what the tactful editor had left, some people were very upset indeed; a fully prepared edition of Welch's letters, which was to have followed, was quietly dropped because of the upset. Mr De-la-Noy, the journal's new editor, is surely being disingenuous when he affects not to know why Brooke was so selective ("it seems inconceivable that [the major deletions] were all made (although some were) because Brooke thought them boring, irrelevant or repetitious"): four years after the writer's death is too close to burden the fragile reputation with the variorum edition that longer survival may warrant, and in any case another 32 years reduce remarkably the number of people around to take personal exception or offence.

What the new version does do is add some 75,000 words to the canon, plus another 35,000 only privately printed before and now detached from the body of the journals and separately published as *I Left My Grandfather's House*, on the reasonable grounds that at this point Welch is just using the journal notebooks as a convenient place to draft a quite independent piece of autobiographical fiction. By now there can be little doubt that the enterprise is justified. There are theses and books galore (including the new biography by Mr De-la-Noy), and numerous reprints of Welch's own work:



Self portrait by Denton Welch

clearly, however fragile Welch's writings may have seemed at the time, they survive. Undoubtedly this is in part as an extraordinary human interest story: if Welsh had not been early doomed by the long term results of a serious road accident, he might never have found in himself the creative urgency which turned a quaint fancy into a rich and disturbing imagination, and the stages of his physical decline, matched by his gathering of creative power, are sharply and unselfpityingly chronicled in the journals.

Yes, the plural of Welch's own label definitely implies that the document was meant for publication; and one suspects that Welch's finishing, as he had started, with an unfinished sentence was a deliberate literary device, indicating that, almost exactly four months before his death, he regarded the work as complete. *I Left My Grandfather's House* achieves a certain *Grand Meaulnes* kind of magic; the rest of the journals is not only constantly fascinating, but, especially considering the appalling circumstances in which much of them was written, an astonishingly cheerful document of the indomitable will to go on living, go on working, and spit in the eye of anyone who says different.

Given the wealth of autobiographical writing by Welch – and given that, but for the occasional appearance of more naked young men than wartime Kent could reasonably be expected to hold, it seems to be remarkably truthful – one might wonder why a biography of this brief span is also called for. Mr De-la-Noy says frankly that he has let Welch as far as possible speak for himself, and has indulged in a "greater use of quotations than is perhaps usual in a biography". Even so, it is interesting to be given an outside, sympathetic but not totally uncritical frame of reference, and to find out from survivors just how Welch struck others, when we know so well how they struck him.

Black and white and grey life

FICTION

Hugh Barnes

SENT FOR YOU YESTERDAY
By John Edgar Wideman
Allison & Busby, £7.95

DRIFTERS
By Tom Wakefield
Gay Men's Press, £9.95

BOY WITH AN INJURED EYE
By Ronan Sheehan
Brandon, £7.95, paperback £3.95

JANE
By Douglas Eves
Book Guild, £8.75

Continuity and the changes that fashion it are rich themes for a novel. They figure prominently in John Edgar Wideman's *Sent For You Yesterday*, the final part of his Homewood trilogy. Homewood is a black district of Pittsburgh. Its streets and the language spawned by them will be familiar to those who have read and admired *Damballah* and *Hiding Place*. The earlier books told the story of Sybela Owens's family from slavery days to the plight of her descendant Tommy, a fugitive from the law in modern America. *Sent For You Yesterday* focuses on a single generation; on two families growing up in the Forties against the backdrop of a white man's war, united by love and suspicion. Three inches of ivory in comparison, perhaps; but, as Uncle Carl says "get closer and closer and things come apart and the tiniest bit of anything is big as the world".

Brother Tate is an albino, an outcast because of "that whiteness which made him less nigger and more nigger at the same time". He and Carl spend their afternoons by the railway track, daring each other to stand one step nearer to the line as the freight swooshes by. The routine is interrupted by the return of Albert Wilkes, a piano-player. Where has he been and what is he returning to? Lemuel Strayhorn is still stationed on the corner with his "iceball cart", and the local men still quarrel into the night at the Bucket of Blood. But otherwise Homewood is changed utterly. Nothing signals this so clearly as the day Wilkes is gunned down by the police.

His music survives to rally the young. For them the world is a "hurting trick". Only drugs, sex and music offer escape. But the novel ends on a high note and the promise of a better existence. *Sent For You Yesterday* is as disparate and difficult as the life it describes. It is a brilliant piece of writing.

Tom Wakefield's *Drifters* is a collection of short stories about some other people who are alternately persecuted and ignored. In "The Nature Lover", caught up in a successful career, Aubrey employs Arthur to tame the jungle which is his garden. It might be a gay re-working of Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley*. What the characters in this book share is a hunger for love and affection, gratefully satisfied in a hostile world. There is sadness in them all, but even in the bleakest moments, in "Friendly Smiles" and "A Dubious Angel", friendship and good fortune are found. Wakefield is an accomplished narrator, detached, witty and knowing. In spite of this, or because of it, the stories are extremely moving.

Ronan Sheehan's *Boy With An Injured Eye* spans centuries and a continent, from Nero's Rome to the Ireland of the present day. The title story is set in the 1700s. Sylvester O'Halloran, an aspiring eye surgeon, is dispatched by his sister to study with his uncle. Sean Clarach MacDomhnaill fosters his nephew's incipient nationalism. Jacobitism reverberates across the water, and Sylvester's heady rise to ophthalmological notoriety is arrested by his insight into things invisible. Sheehan patiently unwraps his colonial theme. Most striking is the description of Limerick's wasted landscape: "Some of the best grazing land in Europe but it might have been mistaken for the worst. The fields were spotted by ragwort and thistles."

Douglas Eves's heroine, soon to be engaged to banker Robert and doing the "grand tour" in the meantime, is swept off her feet by a famous theatre director. Philip is schooling himself in Venetian lowlife for his forthcoming production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Unfortunately *Jane* buckles under ponderous literary reference, much meditation on Love with a capital L, and some very sticky dialogue. Still, the settings are nice, and it's a perfect choice for Christmas if you're planning summer holidays and like to think the upper middle classes monopolize despair.

The snakes and ladders of cultural diplomacy

Anthony Parsons

THE BRITISH COUNCIL
The First Fifty Years
By Frances Donaldson
Cape, £16

The daunting title of this book should not discourage readers, even the 99 per cent of the population who have never heard of the British Council. The fact that the author is Frances Donaldson is a guarantee of accurate research, readability, and a stimulating blend of fact and penetrating comment. The narrative spins along at a pace that keeps interest alive from start to finish.

Lady Donaldson has written a detailed history of the evolution of British cultural diplomacy over the past half century; she has also illuminated the weird attitude of the British Establishment towards the export of our language, arts, sciences, etc. (in short of all that is best in our civilization) to foreign countries, even to those where British political and commercial influence had been predominant for many years. While the French, Italians, and Germans regarded cultural diplomacy as the national duty of any civilized state and were conscious of the political and material benefits deriving from the dissemination overseas of their languages and cultures, the British regarded this kind of thing as unnecessary, infra dig and slightly disreputable, smacking of "propaganda".

Hence we were the last in this field, and only created an instrument of cultural diplomacy when certain far-sighted people in Whitehall woke up to the fact that Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy were challenging our interests close to our imperial home, for example in Egypt, by the export of ideologies along with their cultures. It can be argued without grotesque oversimplification that we owe our entry into this important arena to Hitler, Mussolini, an (Australian) official of the Foreign Office, and Lord Lloyd, the former High Commissioner in Cairo.

Lady Donaldson traces the Council's passage through a game of political and official snakes and ladders which has brought it high up the board but still vulnerable. Relentless financial pressure from governments in which philistinism has never been entirely absent has constituted the main array of snakes. Fortunately the majority of the "Spate of Reports", as one chapter in the book is entitled, although starting out as snakes have been transformed, by direct observation of the value of the Council's work, into ladders.

For those few (I hope) remaining diehards to whom the words British Council evoke a vision of etiolated aesthetes dilating on the subtleties of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* to uncomprehending audiences of Outer Mongolians in the intervals between rounds of Morris dancing – all at the taxpayers' expense, I recommend the Epilogue, "a personal account of visits to British Council offices" by Lady Donaldson.

Jibbooms

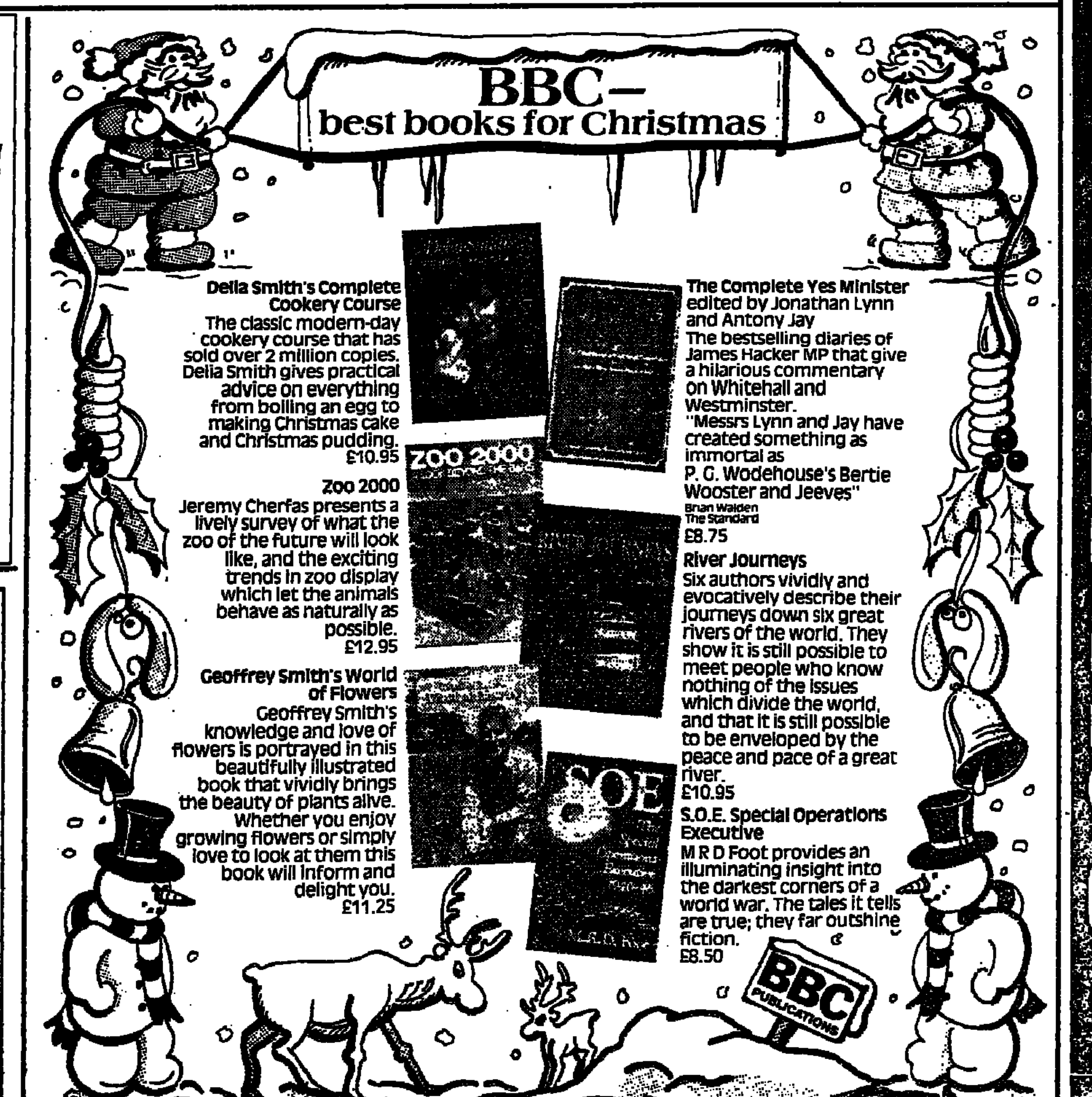
John Campbell

ARTHUR RANSOME AND CAPTAIN FLINT'S TRUNK
By Christina Hardyment
Cape, £7.95

I think it was Miles Kington who recently pointed out the gulf of incomprehension and contempt that divides those who were brought up on the William books from those brought up on *Swallows and Amazons*. This is a book to confirm the thesis. The former will be utterly mystified: any unwary William fan who picked it up could make out neither head nor tail of it. Those who loved the Swallows, however, the admirers of the timber-shivering Captain Nancy, will be unable to put it down.

Following on Hugh Brogan's centenary biography of Ransome which dealt disappointingly lightly with the books that gave him his lasting fame, Christina Hardyment has had the wonderful idea of uncovering not only the real people but the real places which were the thinly disguised originals of Ransome's unforgettably evocative stories.







The man who is a law unto himself

The Times Profile: Sir Michael Havers

Kenneth More used to tell the story of a wartime dinner he once had with his friend Michael Havers, a young naval officer. The discussion turned to their future. What would they do when the war was over? More was in no doubt that he wanted to be a great actor. "I'm going to become Attorney General", Havers said firmly.

He doesn't remember that prescient response. After all, he was barely 20, had not even started studying for the Bar, and does not believe he "could have been so conceited at that time". But Attorney General he has become, legal adviser to the Government and the House of Commons, head of the Bar, chief prosecutor of England and Wales, guardian of the public interest in enforcing the law, a possible future Lord Chancellor and a not infrequent subject of controversy.

No Attorney General of recent times has been so often in the public eye; none has appeared so keen to explain his actions, sometimes at his peril. Recent indiscreet remarks about his decision to prosecute Clive Ponting, for allegedly leaking Belgrano secrets, provoked even the

He is an unstuffy man who has led a jolly and uncomplicated life

quixotic demand that he prosecute himself for contempt of court.

The job of Attorney General is a curious mixture of seemingly incompatible duties and responsibilities. It is a political appointment given to partisans of the government in power, yet the incumbent is then required to set aside his party political allegiance and assume the mantle of legal detachment. He exists in a half-world in which lawyers see him mainly as a politician, and politicians see him as a hybrid creature, political eunuch for some purposes, important member of the Government for others.

Some previous holders of the office have treated it impatiently, as a stepping stone to further political advancement. Others have found the juggling of the various political and public hats too difficult a trick to master; their unease has been palpable. In contrast, Michael Havers and his job seem perfectly suited to each other.

He is a gregarious, unstuffy, uncomplicated man who, apart from an IRA attempt to blow him up (in 1981), has led a jolly and uncomplicated life, full of family happiness and success in his professional and political ambitions. By nature he is an enthusiast, whether for shooting, writing (he has co-authored two books, on a famous Victorian murder trial and a great card scandal), photography, or resisiting a much-publicized attempt by his landlady to increase his rent.

The Havers are an old East Anglian family. One of them was steward to the Duke of Norfolk in the 15th century. The large estate he was given for his services was gambled away by a later ancestor. During this century the family has developed something of a legal dynasty. Michael's grandfather was a solicitor, his father became a High Court judge (and reached the last 16 of the men's singles at Wimbledon); his sister Elizabeth is Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, one of the few women to be elevated to the High Court Bench; and his son Philip is at the Bar.

His other son, the actor Nigel, is seldom absent from our film and television screens, and his father is extraordinarily proud of his increasing fame and acclaim.

Sir Michael's own acting talents were honed in that most difficult school, the courtroom, trying to persuade a jury of the guilt or innocence of the accused in the dock. His career at the Bar encompassed much else apart from criminal work, but it is as a highly effective court advocate that he is mainly remembered.

Mick Jagger and Keith Richard were among his clients, accused of minor drugs charges that would probably not even be brought today: "I hated doing the case because of the bitter atmosphere. You could feel the enormous hostility. There was no way that any jury was going to acquit them, whatever the evidence. And the judge, too, was very hostile. He was virtually taking the line: 'We must rid West Sussex of these sort of people.'"

Jagger's conviction and three months' prison sentence provoked a famous *Times* leader, "Who breaks a butterfly on a wheel?", supporting Jagger's imminent appeal. "I think it was a very brave thing of *The Times* to do at that time. William Rees-Mogg reacted, as did thinking people, to the total injustice of it. The ordinary public just wanted to see Jagger go to prison", Sir Michael remembers. "And it was an important turning point in the law of contempt. The Attorney General of the day took no action against *The Times* on the basis that appeal judges were unlikely to be influenced by the article. That was a very important principle."

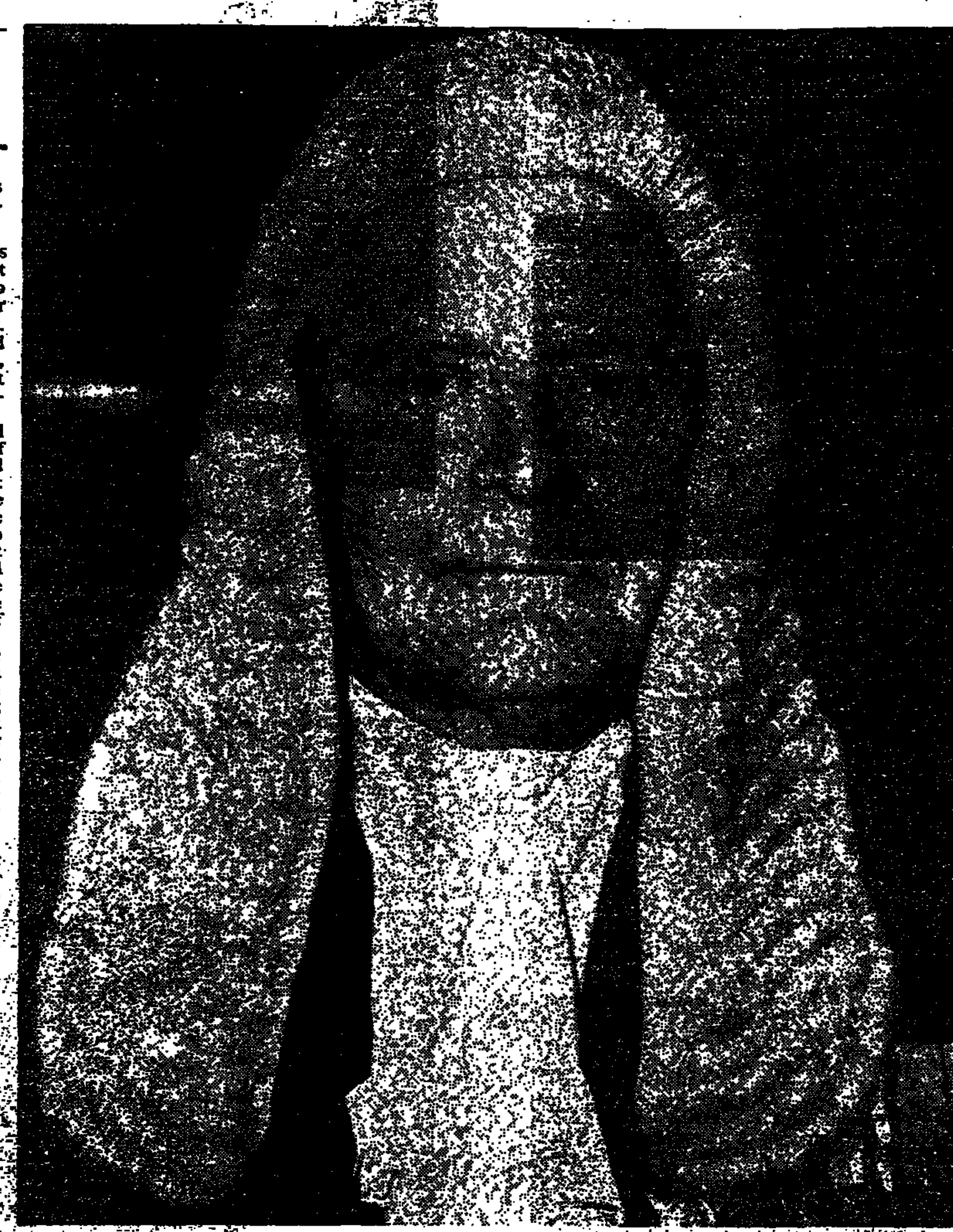
Havers took a long time getting to Parliament. He was already in his late forties when elected for Wimbledon in 1970, but he took only two years to become Solicitor General and was the obvious choice for Attorney General when the Conservatives regained power in 1979.

His period in office has been punctuated by a succession of spy and Official Secrets affairs — Blunt, Geoffrey Prime, Bettaney, Professor Hambleton, Sarah Tisdall and now Ponting. He was influential in Mrs Thatcher's decision to make Blunt's treachery public.

"I knew that Blunt was intending to take libel proceedings against Andrew Boyle's book *The Climate of Treason* (which hinted at Blunt's identity as the Fourth Man). In no circumstances was I prepared to see him obtain libel damages, perhaps £100,000, when we knew he was guilty. But how was the author to get the evidence? He wouldn't have been able to subpoena me or MI5. I think the Prime Minister was determined, anyway, to be frank about Blunt, but this threat of libel made it imperative. So she told the House."

'We must not allow people in sensitive positions to leak security matters'

The trial of Professor Hugh Hambleton, the Canadian economist, provided Sir Michael with his proudest courtroom moment. It was Havers at his forensic best. Hambleton had pleaded not guilty to passing Nato secrets to the Russians, and persisted in his denial in his evidence from the witness-box. Havers stood up to cross-examine. For hours his quiet, cold questions probed the professor's elaborate defences, tightening the logical net around him until, dramatically, Hambleton broke and confessed his guilt: "How often does it happen that a defendant turns around under cross-examination and says: 'I'm guilty.' It's very rare. I'll never forget it."



Sir Michael Havers: from sailor, lawyer, politician and writer to Attorney General

Much of the criticism of Sir Michael, even allegations of political bias, have centred on his decisions to prosecute under the controversial section 2 of the Official Secrets Act. He is totally undefensive and unrepentant: "Those who obey the law and are honourable and discreet would become very fed up if they found that those who broke the law could do so without anything happening to them. I think it's very important that we should encourage those who keep the [illegible] them."

He accepts that Rhona Ritchie, the diplomat stationed in Israel who gave information to her Egyptian lover, was a relatively trivial offender, though he does not go as far as to accept that she should not have been prosecuted. For Sarah Tisdall, he has very little sympathy. Her action in leaking documents about the Cruise missile to *The Guardian* was, he feels, aggravated by her initial denials and attempts to blame her colleagues. "I feel it's very important that we don't allow people in sensitive positions to leak. If you have a leak, even if it's only non-security stuff, it does make the risk of security material being leaked that much greater."

He finds it offensive, if suggestions are made that his decisions over Tisdall and Ponting were partly founded on a political motive. He has never had difficulty, he claims, in divorcing his legal assessments from his political leanings.

Havers was convinced by prosecution and defence doctors that the Ripper was insane

He has made a point of playing [illegible] to vanishing point, his personal political views on non-legal issues, so that his independence as a [illegible] should not be seen to be tainted. As a result, it is difficult to place him in the customary wet-dry spectrum. He is pleased to let the public and many of his own colleagues remain ignorant: "You could ask any Cabinet minister what my view is on this or that, and he'll say: 'Funny you should ask. I just don't know.'"

That's a slight exaggeration. He is known to favour the return of [illegible] punishment, though only [illegible]. He feels very strongly about the threat to the rule of law posed by [illegible]. In general, he is of the right rather than the left of his party, but it is a somewhat old-fashioned right, based on values rather than sophisticated economic argument.

He is against the Attorney General becoming a member of the Cabinet: "I do not want to be seen as a policy-maker. If I were in the Cabinet, and a range of views were expressed, it would inevitably mean that I should, in effect, have to end up supporting one camp or the other. It's much better that I'm not there all the time. Then, when I do come to give my legal opinion, the Cabinet members will all believe that I'm giving absolutely honest [illegible] advice, and not supporting either camp."

The same principles make him extremely reluctant to consult his ministerial colleagues when faced with a decision whether or not to prosecute: "The only time I've ever consulted a minister [illegible] decided not to prosecute [illegible] and BP for sanctions-busting. I asked Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, what the effect would be on our relations with black Africa. [illegible] should not have been bound by what he said. In fact, his advice was that it would not matter much whether [illegible] prosecuted or not.

"If I think a decision [illegible] prosecution might raise a problem [illegible] conflict, I should consult not with ministers, but with the Director of Public Prosecutions and with other counsel. When making the decision to drop the case against Dr Keith Hampson, on the clearest indication from the judge after the first jury had failed to reach a verdict, and after he had suffered quite out of proportion because he was an MP, the possible allegation that I was protecting a fellow Conservative member loomed [illegible] in my mind.

"So I discussed it with the Director of Public Prosecutions and with the prosecuting counsel who had been through it all, and they both said that it wasn't necessary to prosecute again."

The Yorkshire Ripper case was one of Sir Michael's few non-spy prosecutions and resulted, [illegible] some embarrassment. He was convinced [illegible] both [illegible] [illegible] ent, however. These girls were often subjected to quite horrible mutilation, some of them being conscious at the time.

"Their families hadn't been told the awful details. I took the view that there could be a limited public interest — that of protecting the families of the victims from unnecessary anguish — which outweighed the public interest in having the full story told. It would not have made any difference to the effective sentence. It was clear that, whatever the charge on which he was convicted, Sutcliffe was going to be

'Being an appeal judge would be fascinating but I'm not a good enough lawyer'

imprisoned for life. So I decided to try to spare the families."

The trial judge refused to [illegible] the guilty plea to the lesser [illegible] and insisted on the trial being [illegible] murder. "So we had [illegible] direction completely. Having said I'd accepted the medical evidence, I was now having to test it. It was a terrible shock to the victims' relatives when they learnt all the gory details."

What does a 61-year-old Attorney General do next? Sir Michael doesn't particularly want to be a High Court judge: "I think I should find it boring now after what I've done. Being a Lord Justice of Appeal would be fascinating, but I don't think I'm a good enough lawyer. I can master the sort of briefs I do here, but I'm not sure that I'm really Court of Appeal material."

Nor does he want to follow Sir Geoffrey Howe's precedent of moving into the mainstream of politics: "I don't think there is any other job that interests me."

So there remains the Lord Chancellorship. Political gossip suggests that Sir Geoffrey will be next Lord Chancellor, then, and if, he tires of being Foreign Secretary, which he shows no signs of doing at present. There is still some betting [illegible] Sir John Donaldson, the [illegible] Master of the Rolls, but it [illegible] too much of a gamble to [illegible] a Lord Chancellor who has [illegible] the experience of [illegible] government. So Sir Michael, if not the favourite, is not to be discounted.

"No one who has any authority has ever hinted that I'm in the running", he insists. "Anyway, Lord Hailsham is in tremendous form, absolutely outstanding. Of course, there's no lawyer alive who would [illegible] no to appointment as Lord Chancellor — it's the final accolade — [illegible] I'm certainly not bored with [illegible] Attorney General. It's the most [illegible], the most exciting job I can think of."

Marcel Berlins

HIS LEGAL AND POLITICAL LIFE

1923: Born 10 March.
Educated Westminster School; Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
1941-46: Service in the Royal Navy.
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constituency.
1970: Elected to Parliament.
1971: Master of the Bench.
1972: Appointed Solicitor General, knighted.
1974: Shadow Attorney General, chief opposition spokesman on law.
1977: Becomes Privy Counsellor.
1979: Appointed Attorney General.
1981: IRA bomb destroys most of his flat, luckily in his absence.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

How to win at the office party game

All you ever need to know about office parties.

What point is there in going to an office party?

[illegible] Unfortunately, there are disadvantages for not going. For some reason, [illegible] from the office party [illegible] a black [illegible], if you [illegible] party you [illegible] sneaking [illegible] missing [illegible] can only [illegible] for an invitation. Nobody knows everybody at an office party, so you can always get in unchallenged. If you don't work in an office, or have heard of an office party nearby that's likely to be better than your own, all you have to know is the date and time. Nobody ever suspects at an office party of being a gate-crasher.

What if I haven't got a job and don't know any offices?

Don't be feeble. Go into the nearest big office building and there is almost certain to be a notice in the foyer saying: "Don't forget the Xmas Office Party on Dec 20! Disco, etc." It will be decorated with hand-drawn holly leaves.

Why holly leaves?

They are the only kind of leaf that most people can draw. But this is a [illegible] subject, isn't [illegible]

[illegible] dress for [illegible]

[illegible] of office [illegible] two basic kinds of office party. For one, a big room in the office is transformed by streamers, flashing lights and a tape recorder into a wonderland of noise, music and warmth, usually by the same long-suffering people who did all the work last year. For the other, everyone piles round to the pub. The advantage of the first is that the company pays for everything. The advantage of the second is that at least you get off the blasted premises for a while. That's why, incidentally, it is nicer to go to other people's office parties; you may not know anyone there, but at least you don't feel it's all part of work.

And how do I dress?

Oh yes, sorry. For the office building, wear something neat. For the pub, wear something showerproof.

Can you tell superiors at an office party what you really think of them?

You can, but it's most unwise. A moment's pleasure will have to be paid for with a lifetime's regret, and you probably won't even remember the moment. Far better to worry your superiors by going up to them and saying unctuously: "I know you won't mind my saying, sir, that I have admired your work terrifically this year and have learnt a lot from watching you". They will spend the rest of the evening wondering what you really meant.

Do you recommend making advances to secretaries at parties?

Absolutely not. They haven't got into their party clothes to let a pipsqueak like you get his hands on them.

What should I talk about at the party?

British Telecom shares. You won't get a choice, actually – everyone will be talking about British Telecom shares.

As a free-lance journalist, will your office party take the form of [illegible] at home by yourself and getting drunk?

No. That's my normal working day. I shall probably go out and get sober.

Seriously, do you have any advice about drink?

Yes. You can either pile into the drink straightaway and get very sick, or be sensible and take it slowly, in which case it will all run out before you've had nearly enough.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 514)

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9 Lavatory (5)
10 Gathered (9)
11 Excitable (5)
13 Punish severely (7)
16 Flight personnel (7)
19 Forward (5)
22 In disguise (9)
24 At a distance (3)
25 Put out (13)

DOWN
1 Badge (6)
2 Be next to (6)
3 Livestock wagon (8)
4 Underwear (6)
5 Pair (4)
6 Flatter (6)
7 Interfere (6)
12 Mohammed's son-in-law (3)
14 Religious musical work (8)
15 Accelerate (3)
16 Sour tasting (6)
17 Florid style (6)
18 Salver (6)
20 Disgust (6)
21 Yard (6)
23 Work group (4)

SOLUTION TO No 513
ACROSS: 1 Gasket 4 Morass 7 Loud 8 Keffiyeh 9 Organdie 13 Pew 16 Philosophical 17 Nag 19 Bull's-eye 24 Assorted 25 Peru 26 Smoker 27 Exempt
DOWN: 1 Gulp 2 Squirming 3 Token 4 Mufti 5 Rain 6 Scene 10 A bomb 11 Droll 12 Ethos 13 Pachyderm 14 Will 15 Spin 18 Assam 20 Utter 21 Ladle 22 Work 23 Dust

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A RAMBLER'S GUIDE TO OUR NEW PIPELINE.



Our pipeline to Mossmorran begins at St. Fergus, travelling beneath the earth through the rich agricultural lowlands to the west of Aberdeen, and quietly past these ancient ritual stones.



As we approach Glamis Castle, childhood home of the Queen Mother, the pipeline passes discreetly by. The gas liquids it transports will greatly benefit Britain for decades to come.



Unaware of the pipeline's presence are the terns and other sea-birds that live in abundance around the peaceful waters of Meikle Loch, and in the stillness of the River Ythan estuary.



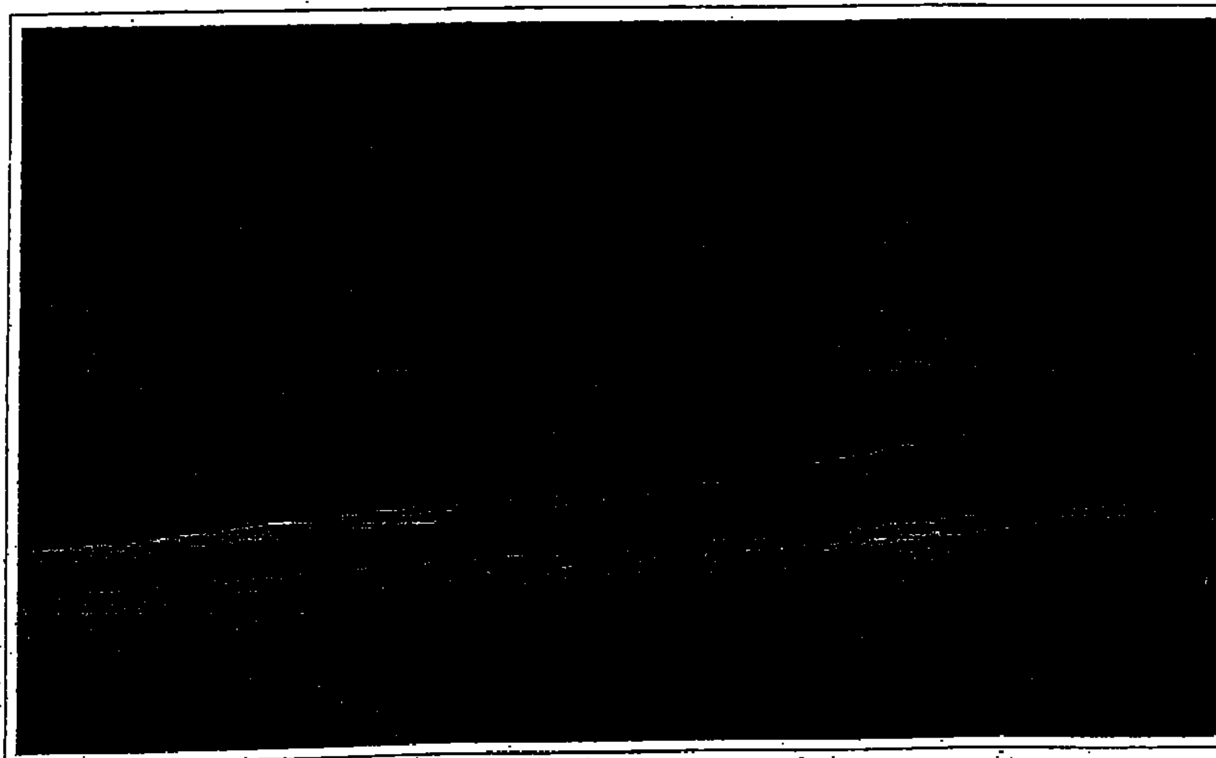
Past this eerie knoll where legend has it Macbeth met the three witches, our pipeline hurries by unsuspected and unseen. A feat we achieved with very little double, double, toil and trouble.



Slipping quietly past the beautiful Drum Castle, our hidden pipeline carries the gas liquids that are produced along with our oil and gas, over 350 miles away out in the North Sea.



Before work could begin on trenching the pipeline into the bed of the River Tay, we made sure that the salmon who come here to spawn had finished their run upstream.



These gas liquids, travelling unseen not so very far from the bloodied ruins of the dreaded Dunnotar Castle, will later be split into ethane, butane, propane and natural gasoline.



After 138 miles our journey ends at the vast Mossmorran gas liquids plant in Fife. We tucked it into the contours of the land, so that from many aspects, you might miss it altogether.

YOU CAN BE SURE OF SHELL





How the British sank their first Cognac Courvoisier

Courtesy of Napoleon.

Cognac has long been a favourite of the British.

As far back as 1780, Dr Samuel Johnson made the following observation.

Claret is for boys, port is for men. But cognac is a drink for heroes.

Be that as it may, cognac was certainly a favourite of one hero of the time.

Napoleon Bonaparte.

Courvoisier is the only cognac to be honoured with The Diploma Prestige de la France, the French award for excellence.

In fact his love of cognac was only outweighed by his dislike of the British. So the chances of the British getting their hands on the Emperor's favourite cognac, were somewhat slim.

Circumstances changed that.

In 1815, after his abdication, Napoleon arranged to leave secretly for the United States of America.

He loaded two ships with a variety of provisions, including cognac supplied by Emmanuel Courvoisier.

In 1860, Felix Courvoisier was appointed official purveyor of cognacs to the Court of Napoleon III.

Napoleon subsequently changed his mind and decided to give

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All brandy is not cognac. Cognac can only be produced from the grapes of the Charente area of South West France, where conditions are ideal. Ordinary brandies can be produced anywhere, from almost any fruit.

... we drink today ...

Le Cognac de Napoleon

The Born Leader

THE ARTS

Television

Strained realism

What most people know about Puccini might be written on the back of a postage stamp, which could then be placed on a threatening letter to Tony Palmer. Given this ignorance, Mr Palmer decided that, in his own Puccini (Channel 4), information should be distributed quite liberally – principally by ensuring that certain characters discussed the composer's life and work with a fervour that went beyond mere gossip. This would not be permissible on the cinema screen, although for some reason it is considered quite suitable in the more intimate circumstances of television.

This was also the case with Tony Palmer's technique of interrupting this filmic biography with scenes from his own rehearsals of *Turandot*. The point of doing this was clear enough – in fact, it could be seen from miles away – but it was the kind of point which, if it is to be made at all, should be made very quickly. The two halves of the programme did not complement each other, since the grandiloquent fantasy of the biographical reconstruction consorted oddly with the strained realism of the documentary:. it made the former seem too wooden, and the latter inconsequential.

Despite the fact that he was made up to resemble a Soho hairdresser, Robert Stephens turned Puccini into a definite "artist", as unpredictable and as sponaneous as artists always are on television; but, although one could put up with the agony and the ecstasy (just), some of his more "charming" moments were rather hard to take.

The major problem with last night's programme, however, lay in its interpretation: it is a common enough error to believe that artists are in some obvious sense "like" their work, and so it was that Puccini here was seen to lead an operatic existence in which the mysteries of love and death practically took curtain calls in front of him. As a result one ended up knowing even less about Puccini than when the programme started. The major detail was right, however: the most interesting thing was the music.

Peter Ackroyd

Opera

Solti rediscovers all his old dynamic character

Der Rosenkavalier
Covent Garden

This was Sir Georg Solti's night. He may, as he assured John Higgins here on Monday, have jettisoned his old well-marked score of *Der Rosenkavalier*, but his silver jubilee performance on Tuesday night would not have been possible without long, deep knowledge of this music, and there need be no fear that his fresh thoughts have obliterated his old ones. As the opening of the opera plainly indicated, he still lives about 20 per cent faster than the rest of us.

Finding himself once more in the Covent Garden pit, he has picked up again the dynamism of his conducting in the 1960s, and put aside the relative mellowness of his more recent work in the concert hall and recording studio.

This is, of course, not just a matter of speed but also of intensity and character, often fuelled into a mere scale passing through the woodwind. Indeed Sir Georg can be dynamic when the tempo is slow. The strings *sometimes let him down at such* moments: the little curlicues that go with Ochs's "Mit mir", for instance, are scrawny. There are also some difficuties of ensemble, within the orchestra, between the two orchestras in the last act, and between pit and stage. But no doubt all these things will settle down; the wind soloists already have great fun burbling and cavorting and swooning through the score.

One could wish there were something of the same life on stage. John Schlesinger's production is not short on movement, but it is decidedly short, as it appears at the moment, on dramatic action. Wherever two characters are conversing together, which happens quite a lot in this opera, there is a lack of responsiveness which cannot be blamed on the singers. After all, one can see Robert Tear and Cynthia Buchan putting heart and soul into their business as Valzacchi and Annina, and yet their efforts are curiously blanked out.

I cannot remember a *Rosenkavalier* performance that gave so little sense of community, of a tugging complex of characters, relationships and emotions, without which the happy ending is pure sentimentality.

At least in the first two acts, William Dudley's sets do nothing that would hinder a much richer, more vital production, nor do Maria Björnson's costumes. The first act is in harmonious colours of pale terracotta, azure, gold and grey, with nicely complicated draperies and doorways. Then Faninal's residence is a great splash of peppermint and silver, with plenty of glass giving on to the alarmingly near building across the street. But the levee in the first act and the attempted rape in the second stay muted. Mr Schlesinger's answer seems to have been to pile in the detail – caged birds, dogs, a dwarf – whereas what the crowd scenes need is inner life and subtlety of characterization.

Maybe this will come, but I find it hard not to despair of the third act. The tavern room is a cross-sectioned shell within a larger chamber, which has the arguable advantage of allowing us to see the trickery being set up, but which invites Mr Schlesinger to an extraordinary multipliciity of exits and entrances.

Again, this looks like an attempt to inject some semblance of excitement into the proceedings, and again it fails because the production lacks not action from its characters but reaction and interaction. Ochs and his mêlée of persecutors sway backwards and [illegible]

This is, too, an interesting Ochs. Aage Haugland has removed his beard so that he looks like an enormous pork butcher, coarse but also appealingly honest in his feelings: he smiles much more that he leers. He seems just a gentle, simple soul with a high libido, and his singing is appropriately rounded and fleshy, including a nice line in tenor hiccoughs.

The women are also all new to their roles at Covent Garden, though Agnes Baltsa's Octavian is familiar from performances at Salzburg and on record. Here she seems less happy. She uses little of her glorious open tone until the finale; elsewhere there is too much of that raw edge that can be electrifying in other parts but makes the young Count sound a bit of an urchin. She does, however, act and sing more responsively to the text than anyone else on stage, standing as a youth would stand, with more eagerness than elegance.

Dame Kiri te Kanawa as the Marschallin, on the other hand, is all elegance. She makes, of course, some wonderful sounds, but one gains little *sense that this role could be a* character-study of more than passing interest. It is worrying that Dame Kiri's German should be so often plainly inflected, and unfortunate that so many of her phrases should be short and left on a downbeat.

However, the Sophie of Barbara Bonney, a young American soprano new to the house, is all pleasure. She looks delightful, acts persuasively without being too fussy and silly, and has a gorgeously clear, light but penetrating voice. When she sings above the stave, the sound just appears to hover in the air, wholly without strain. She too simply needs a more hospitable production [illegible]

Paul Griffiths



[illegible] acting: Agnes Baltsa (left) [illegible] Octavian and Sophie

Don Giovanni
Dominion

If only I could have been angry like Paul Griffiths, who first saw the show just over a month ago in Wales. If only I could have walked out like the friend sitting next to me. As it was, I was numbed, anaesthetized, little more than bored.

Ruth Berghaus's new production of *Don Giovanni* for Welsh [illegible] great [illegible] because [illegible] fighting [illegible] what i[illegible] a mere [illegible] After [illegible] you ask yourself for whose [illegible] you are [illegible] to [illegible] connexions. For Berghaus? [illegible] game soon wears thin. For Mozart? He is not there. For one's readers? You [illegible] go after Saturday's performance. [illegible] which we [illegible] show [illegible] (Lanceston [illegible]) [illegible] left [illegible] production [illegible] ideas and images [illegible] references and naive dramaturgical ploys, [illegible] the senses [illegible] is scarcely an ear [illegible] for the score. [illegible] with [illegible] the [illegible] things [illegible] Tempi [illegible] thrillingly [illegible] physical [illegible] ideas [illegible] tation [illegible] projection [illegible] nothing [illegible] and what [illegible] projected [illegible] the obsessive [illegible] tensions, the nervous horror [illegible]

No doubt all this, too, can be rationalized in written thesis, but that is too late. Only William Shimell, the Don, seems to possess the vocal and physical resilience to stand up to a staging which is essentially the inner, private ferment of a mind heady with hypotheses. A production, though, is a public act. If only Berghaus had remembered.

Hilary Finch

Concert

Lutyens tribute
Wigmore Hall

Britain's blinkered, narrow-minded, so often complacent musical world may have forgiven itself a good deal since it was dragged into the twentieth century and towards an awareness of wider horizons abroad. But one thing that can never be forgiven is its treatment of Elisabeth Lutyens, one of a tiny handful of composers of real originality and real integrity we have produced this century.

Easy for me to write about neglect, perhaps: I was not around in the 1930s when Lutyens and a very few colleagues (including, importantly, her husband-to-be Edward Clark) were recognizing how Mozartian – the adjective is her own, from her autobiography – was Webern's *Das Augenlicht*.

But, even when certain schools of thought became acceptable, Lutyens's reputation did not essentially change: some works were performed, with respect; many, many more lay unperformed. There was not much of a turn-out for Tuesday night's extremely well prepared and well performed concert in her memory, a year after her death. It was a concert with a somehow sadly appropriate low profile. Yet, at a first hearing, the two sets of tiny works, *Triolets I and II*, which were completed a few weeks before her death (they form, astonishingly, her Op 160) turned out to be perfect, understated little pieces.

Two groups of nine fragments each, each group ten or eleven minutes in all, the simplest of material is manipulated with the utmost character: in the second piece of *Triolets I*, a singing clarinet and pizzicato cello over strumming mandolin; and in the fourth piece, achingly brief, quiet phrases handed gingerly between the instruments.

In the more colourful world of *Triolets II*, there seemed to be a deliberate symmetry with the first set in the marimba ostinato at the start of the second piece, with its yearning little cello melody that flowered a couple of pieces later; and mixed with these gentle exchanges, quick, decisive gestures, absolutely sharp in outline. The first set was played with especial finesse by Roger Heaton, James Ellis and Alexander Baillie.

Nicholas Kenyon

The Jungle Book
Adelphi

Like the Disney film, this production takes its pick from *The Jungle Book* to tell the story of Mowgli from his arrival among the wolves to the death of Shere Khan. It is a story that can stand endless re-telling, and its adapter-director, John Hartoch, has clearly approached it with affection and respect.

What he fails to bring is any conspicuous degree of theatrical skill. It sounds convincing to renounce animal costume and special effects and leave it up to the actors to transmit the force of Kipling's text. But, as things turn out, this means a half-completed adaptation, uneasily split between narrative and enactment, which involves the hero in telling his life story to two unconnected listeners (switching from the first to the second at half-time); and thus pushing the main business of the evening into flashback.

The best thing in the show is Liz Fjelle's set, an austerely elaborate jungle gym, enshrining two Hindu temple figures among its hinged bridges, runways and lighting-rig poles, which rise and fall over the acting area to establish every location from the moonlit deserted city where the monkey tribe fall into Kaa's ravenous coils to the echoing ravine where Mowgli takes his revenge on Shere Khan.

Except where they break the convention and appear in bullock heads as the stampeding herd, the company play unmasked, in body-stockings and boiler suits; thus arousing expectations of virtuoso animal pantomime which they entirely fail to deliver. Jeremy Sinden's padded Baloo offers a Falstaffian shuffle and repeated backward-rolls, and Jonathan Izard a Bagheera whose front paws seldom touch the ground. But so much effort goes into sustaining uncomfortable postures and keeping up the roars, barks and grimaces that there is no energy for characterization either. The one exception is Fenella Fielding, who clearly has no time for this animal nonsense and imprints her *usual voluptuous pouting image* on the aged python, dispatching the Dance of Hunger in the manner of Marlene Dietrich luring the boys into the back room.

Things are decidedly better among the human jungle-dwellers, and particularly in the case of David Banks as a gracefully dangerous elder Mowgli, and Mr Sinden once he has shed his bear sack for a huntsman's robes. All complaints aside, the story still grips.

Irving Wardle

Theatre

Jack and the Beanstalk and the Wild, Wild [illegible]
Young Vic

The idea [illegible] (Gareth Kirkland) [illegible] Lambeth Walk to prove [illegible] origins but, with times being hard [illegible] after [illegible] the other [illegible] shootout, the [illegible] root comfort [illegible] corn: and [illegible] around me know their [illegible] and Western [illegible] of such tender years is something of a marvel.

Most at home is Lucille the cow (Helen [illegible] and Alan Seymour), with her back legs shod in Cuban-heel boots, and a pair of eyelashes whose flutter would reduce any bull to besotted corned-beef hash.

The giant (Joe McGann) [illegible] which [illegible] suitable gigantic [illegible] downwards [illegible] heroes slapstick [illegible] flour [illegible] it [illegible] with a violent [illegible] of the [illegible]

Early on, the show [illegible] and perhaps needs a few more full houses to pull it together. David Holman's dialogue is short on good gags and Reg Stewart's [illegible] masculine Dame in a Louis XIV wig and a pink [illegible] never hits the right [illegible] of geniality.

The giant's kitchen, domi[illegible] unclim[illegible] production owes most [illegible] music, a check-shirted quartet [illegible] ing out favourites from [illegible] a Jack to a King" to the equally inevitable "Fine time to leave me, Lucille", as Jack [illegible] temporary farewell to his four-legged friend.

Anthony Masters

Dance

London Contemporary
Sadler's Wells

Paul Taylor is the [illegible] of modern dance: the choreographer of genius who brought warmth, humour and humanity into the dance. His *Esplanade* is the final work on this week's programme at Sadler's Wells, and I have come back to my typewriter exhilarated beyond measure.

It is all so simple: just running, walking, jumping, catching, touching, holding, falling, sliding, to music by Bach (the Violin Concerto in E major and the last two movements from the Double Violin Concerto). But what richness of movement and feeling Taylor gets into those simple actions, what compassion and joy shine through the dancers. It is the [illegible] thing they have done all [illegible] week's performances [illegible] Contemporary Dance [illegible] when they have at last [illegible] Lauren Potter [illegible] a duet with Celia Hulton were special pleasures in Tuesday night's performance; see it while you can, and then save up to see as much as possible of the Taylor company's London season next spring.

Seeing *Esplanade* accentuated the feeling I already had earlier in the evening about Siobhan Davies's *Free Setting*: namely that I wish just for once she would let her heart overrule her head and stop being quite so cool and calm in her choreography. It is admirable but arid and memories of the way she used to dance suggest [illegible] capable of giving more.

The programme also included a revival of Robert Cohan's *No Man's Land*. His [illegible] of the Orpheus legend [illegible] dog's life in hell, since he invents a new [illegible] whereby Cerberus [illegible] with a looking glass [illegible] the lovers [illegible] the story [illegible] course, but Cohan [illegible] Farmer's design and Richard Caswell's lighting, also by [illegible] presence on stage playing his own music for double bass. The choreography includes a duet full of extraordinary lifts, beautiful and [illegible] marvellously danced [illegible] with [illegible] Frankenhaeuser's [illegible] cruel, unhurried [illegible] entirely [illegible]

John Percival



THE TIMES DIARY

Steeling the show

There are hazards involved in hiring girls from escort agencies, as Liberal leader David Steel learnt to his cost on Tuesday night. He hadn't hired the girl. A fellow Liberal who must remain nameless had, and brought her along to the Alliance ball at the Intercontinental Hotel. During a lull before the cabaret she got up, walked onto the floor and began complaining about how the American actress Meryl Streep had taken her part in the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman*. Her dislike of people or things American extended, it seems, to cruise missiles, and she marched up to the table shared by Messrs Owen and Steel and their wives to tell them so. Steel told her to go away, whereupon she gave the Liberal leader two hefty clouts. She was finally escorted from the hotel, leaving Steel to nurse his injuries. They were fortunately not too serious. He stayed to the ball's bitter end – slipping out briefly to vote in the Commons – and was later heard to remark that he found Meryl Streep far more attractive.

Flayed

More from the Dennis Skinner school of charm and courtesy. To a Ms D. Morgan at the BBC the Beast of Bolsover writes: "I am in receipt of your invitation to attend *The World at One* and *PM* Christmas reception on December 14. You should invite Thatcher so that all the BBC 'crawlers' can present themselves to Madame Dross in person, preferably on their hands and knees".

Revelations

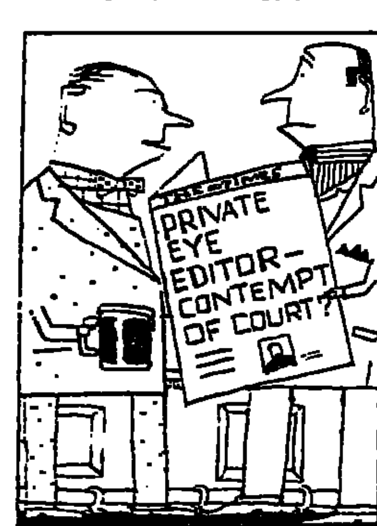
Tam Dalyell tells me he has now sent a Christmas card back to the crew of the Conqueror. On it he has written Proverbs 20:17 and Proverbs 21:28. "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel", says the first. The second declares: "The false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly."

Party peace

Organizers of last summer's ball at Worcester College, Oxford, are celebrating their successful defence of a prosecution for noise brought by the City Council. The council now faces huge legal costs, including a claim for £11,400 from undergraduate Christopher Norman who flew in a witness from Corsica. This will further enrage those councillors who opposed the prosecution in the first place. One of them, Liberal Michael Hart, pointed out that the ruling Labour group took no action over a deafening firework display at Headington Hall – the home of one R. Maxwell.

● **Jaguar predicts a major upsurge in demand for its cars in America. The reason? After months of trying, its American sales company has persuaded the makers of *Dallas* to let newly-rich Cliff Barnes drive a £20,000 XJS. Now, perhaps, BL will attempt to persuade JR to swap his Mercedes for a Metro.**

BARRY FANTONI



'If you ask me, his safest bet would be to join a union'

Lord's grounds

These are testing times for the Earl of Stockton. His Lords' speech apart, he has now been quizzed on television for the first time about his role in the repatriation of Cossacks, subsequently killed by the Russians, after the war. The interview – to be screened before Christmas – tells how Macmillan, as minister resident in Italy, was consulted in May 1945 by the British commander in Austria about the future of 40,000 Cossacks and White Russians who had links with the Germans. He agreed that the Allies' promise to hand back Russian subjects must be honoured. Questioned closely by Ludovic Kennedy, Lord Stockton confronted with his earlier admission that repatriation would condemn them to "slavery, torture and probably death" remarked "I was obeying orders".

Misadventure

Two judges, four barristers, a Home Office pathologist and a senior hospital doctor left Bodmin Court this week after 90-minute, £4,000 wait for two juries that never turned up. A single misplaced digit was at fault. Someone typed December 14 instead of December 4 on their summons for jury service.

PHS

Christopher Thomas looks behind the result of Grenada's election

A vote for the big paymaster

St George's, Grenada

Washington's hegemony over Grenada has been confirmed and reinforced at the ballot box. The American-backed government of Mr Herbert Blaize will swear allegiance to the Queen. The irony seems lost on little Grenada.

The new Grenada is largely American-made, an undeveloped tropical island elevated to dizzying global importance by the East-West conflict. Its incipient democracy has been guided discreetly but firmly by Washington, whose influence – together with its Caribbean allies – was perhaps decisive to the outcome of Monday's general election.

The British link is comfortably familiar, the American dollar full of promise. Both are embraced without any feeling of contradiction. Mrs Thatcher's failure to support Mr Reagan's invasion has been forgotten, if not forgiven. While a still-huffy Commonwealth secretariat declined to send observers to the election, Britain did so.

America feels the overthrow of the leftist dictatorship last year has been vindicated by the election of a moderate, US-backed government. The turnout of the 48,158-strong Grenadian electorate was a remarkable 84.9 per cent.

The New National Party, barely four months old, was formed during a secretive bargaining session with Caribbean politicians on Union Island, a dependency of St Vincent. Mr Tom Adams, prime minister of Barbados, and the prime ministers of St Lucia and St Vincent – all leading collaborators with the invasion plan – were present. The US was not represented in person, but its influence was vital in bringing about the three-party coalition that won the Grenadian election.

Mr Blaize, America's choice for party leader, was head of the Grenada National Party, traditionally a party of the middle classes. He is a solicitor, a tried and trusted



Grenadian victor: Herbert Blaize and his wife.

former prime minister when Grenada was a British colony.

The US sought the creation of the New National Party because it was determined not to be humiliated by the return to power of Sir Eric Gairy, the former prime minister, whose very presence in St George's taunted policy planners in Washington. The fear was that Gairy, a right-wing extremist, would inflame the island, perhaps resulting in another left-wing coup. That would be a stunning psychological blow to the US: after Vietnam, Watergate, Iran and Lebanon, the little spice island is its one shining victory.

The New National Party received several private American donations, much to the delight and encouragement of the US administration. The party demonstrably had the most campaign money. Only the NNP has a smart neon sign over its new airy headquarters in St George's. Only the NNP distributed large numbers of free T-shirts, glossy coloured posters, badges and stickers.

NNP banners straddled roads and hung from countless vantage points. They had the best loudspeakers. And in a touch of Americana that had people agog, the NNP even sent a light aircraft around the island two days before the election, trailing an advertising streamer. Grenadians have never seen anything like it, almost a vulgar gesture of extravagance in such a poor country.

Grenadians view the US as a big, benevolent paymaster. Now the election has been delivered they are looking for rewards. America can make everything happen. It can make the lights stay on, it can rebuild the derelict roads, spray the mosquitos, make tap water flow miraculously upon demand, and eradicate the disease that blights so many bananas. Such things are expected. Grenadians will be disappointed, even angry, if they are not forthcoming. As a Republican congressman remarked privately soon after the invasion: "We've just bought ourselves another Puerto Rico."

America came precariously close to overt interference in the election when it placed an advertisement in three local publications attacking Sir Eric Gairy's assertion that he and his Grenada United Labour Party had the support of President Reagan.

The wording was extraordinarily blunt. It said: "The US government protests the campaign of deception and falsehood concerning President Reagan . . . President Reagan does not support the Grenada United Labour Party or its candidates." The wording was telexed to the American Embassy in St George's direct from the White House.

Although the tactics may have been heavy, the outcome has satisfied most of the eastern Caribbean. Now that Grenada is lead by the sound and steady Mr Blaize, private US investment is expected to start, although cautiously at first. The administration does not plan any huge, sudden investment programme. Now the island is securely in the western sphere it must take its place in the Caribbean Basin Initiative, America's multi-million dollar aid programme for the region.

The tiny Grenadian economy – the annual gross domestic product is $100m – is already reacting to the prospect of an infusion. A house in the smart, middle-class area south of St George's is now three times as expensive as a year ago, and a tourist shop has opened on St George's harbour.

Clifford Longley considers the growing talk of disestablishment

A church straining at the bonds of state

The miners' strike is having a fundamental effect on relations between the Church of England and Parliament. Churchmen and politicians had not been getting on very well before it started, but the present crisis is producing profound changes of mood on both sides. There is now a serious possibility that church and Parliament may choose to go their separate ways: talk of "disestablishment" is in the air. Not so long ago the very idea would have been dismissed as unthinkable.

The strain between the two institutions has arisen partly because the majority in Parliament and the majority of the clergy take sharply opposing views of the ills of society and their causes, and is partly because the church is still beholden to Parliament. The church's new role as a public critic of Government makes the bond which ties it to Parliament seem irksome and wrong.

The public at large is in sympathy with this appraisal. A hitherto unpublished Gallup survey at the end of October found public opinion three to one in favour of ending Parliament's "final say" – to quote the questionnaire – over church affairs.

In Gallup's sample, 23 per cent were in favour of Parliament's veto continuing, 64 per cent against. Among regular Anglican churchgoers it was 29 per cent to 66.

There is strong support, even among noncomformists and Roman Catholics, for the Queen to remain Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Without parliamentary jurisdiction over the church, the Queen's role would be purely symbolic, not very different from royal patronage of a national voluntary society. Indeed, some such role for the Queen could emerge after disestablishment.

Not so long ago, what politicians could say about leading churchmen, and what churchmen could say about politicians, was governed by the unwritten rules of a cosy establishment club. Now these taboos have been broken, and the Church of England finds itself no longer fully accepted in that elite and confidential world.

The Church of England Newspaper, invariably more cautious in such matters than the *Church Times*, ended its last editorial, a discussion of church and state, by saying that if the church's demands for certain further freedoms from parliamentary control "cause Parliament to disestablish the Church of England, then so be it".

On the other side, the chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, had swept aside the comfortable conventions when he criticised both the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and Cardinal Basil Hume, in a speech in Cambridge the week before. Not long ago, such targets were off limits for such as him.

The quickest way to get a laugh out of a church committee or assembly at the moment is to say something wittily unkind about the chairman of the Conservative Party.

There is a new atmosphere of distrust. Many Conservative politicians adamantly believe that the Archbishop of Canterbury's famous interview in *The Times* was deliberately timed by him for the opening day of the Conservative Party conference, to cause maximum embarrassment. It was in fact only the accident of full diaries which stopped it appearing a week earlier.

The Church of England's modest reform of the procedures for appointing bishops was ambushed late at night in the House of Commons; and the representation of the measure to Parliament a second time is a weapon in the church's hands which it is not yet sure when to use.

It takes two to quarrel, and there is not much reluctance among the leaders of the Church of England to keep their end up.

It is unlikely that a swift end to the miners' strike would instantly restore peace and harmony, for there was an unmistakable and steady deterioration in the relationship before the advent of that catalyst. But it is not beyond retrieval either, if the will existed on both sides. Something could be patched up, and disestablishment postponed for other generations to think about, if the Conservative Party and the Church of England each saw the perils ahead and resolved to avoid them. There is little sign of such an intention so far.

The Church of England has already, over the years, come a long way towards that total freedom from parliamentary control which the word "disestablishment" stands for. It is sometimes called "creeping disestablishment", a leisurely and controlled process, marked by the stately progress of church-state commissions of enquiry.

It has reached the point where legal establishment now hangs on just three pegs: the symbolic role of the Crown as Supreme Governor; the right of Parliament to review and reject measures put forward by the General Synod; and the role of the Prime Minister in passing to the Queen one of two names tendered by the church when bishoprics become vacant.

On this latter custom depends the right of bishops to sit *ex officio* in the House of Lords; though it by no means follows that disestablishment would banish them all. The Government may well want to find other ways of providing the upper house with episcopal wisdom, so as to preserve that chamber's representative quality and forestall demands for radical reform or abolition.

What the church is finding intolerable is parliamentary jurisdiction over its internal business, particularly the thought that Conservative backbenchers with strongly anticlerical views can use parliamentary procedures to block church leaders. It is offensive to them in principle when it happens.

But it is not something Parliament could negotiate away, as one more step in the process of creeping disestablishment. It is at the very heart of the concept that the Church of England is "the church by law established" – and on it depends, as the Church of England will find to its chagrin, its cherished links with the Crown. The present Government is hardly in the mood to cooperate in seeking some ingenious constitutional solution that will allow the church to keep that legal link, while freezing it from its bondage to Parliament. It will be all or nothing.

David Felton analyses the widening gap between the public and the private sector pay awards

Pay that remains a private matter

The chairman of a leading high technology company, discussing government exhortations to restrict pay increases in the fight against inflation, gave this blunt verdict: "We run our business. Mrs Thatcher runs the country".

The relationship between the oft-stated need to control wage costs, in order to improve the competitive position of British industry, and the reluctance of a growing number of managements to act on such government advice will be thrown into sharp relief in the winter pay round now under way.

There is mounting evidence that ministers, confident of limiting settlements in the public service and nationlized industries, are switching their attention to the private sector where wage increases are far outstripping the cost of living. The view expressed by the CBI that pay rises should be held "firmly below 5 per cent" is being ignored, with every indication that a momentum for higher settlements is gaining ground.

For the third year running the Cabinet has announced a 3 per cent cash limit to increases for the two million workers who rely directly on the Government for their pay. In previous years there have been breaches of the unofficial pay policy, with unions last year settling for 4.5 per cent, but the Government has been able to remain within its cash limits through staff reductions. Savings have also been achieved in the National Health Service, and to a lesser extent in the Civil Service, by privatization of some services.

Ministers are beginning to show their impatience with the private sector's performance and in particular the growing gap with public sector pay settlements. The ministerial view is supported by the latest statistics showing underlying wage

Developments in the pay round

Groups of workers	Numbers involved	Settlement/offer	Effective date
Vauxhall	14,500	10% approx.	Sep 10
Jaguar	7,000	21% (2-yr deal but only 7.5% new money)	Nov
Austin Rover	28,000	10% (2 yrs)	Nov 1
Ford	40,500	9%*	Nov
Firemen	34,000	7.2%	Nov 7
Police	140,000	5.4%	Sep 1
Merchant seamen	20,000	6.25% rejected	Nov 1
British Aerospace, Filton	2,000	up to £9 pw	Jan 1
Pork Farms	1,700	7%	Nov 4
Securicor	11,000	7.5%	Nov 1
Colliery managers	15,000	5.2%	Nov 1
Local authority manuals	1m	"Substantial" claim and move settlement to April	Nov 8
Engineering workers	2m	"Substantial" claim and 35 hour week	Nov

*Agreed but not paid because of machinists' strike.

increases in manufacturing industry of around 8¾ per cent and the CBI data bank reporting current settlements edging over 6 per cent. It is early days yet, but there is a discernible trend of pay rises at a substantially faster pace than the Government would like.

Pacesetters have as usual been the motor companies. Despite outbreaks of industrial action at Ford, Vauxhall, Austin Rover and Jaguar, deals have now been agreed ranging from 5 per cent a year in Austin Rover's two-year deal to Ford's 9 per cent. With a settlement twice that of the Government's unofficial target, the American multinational has again indicated its reluctance to be influenced by "outside" advice.

The other main negotiations in the private sector, traditionally regarded as an indication of future trends, are those covering minimum rates of pay in the engineering industry which affect two million workers. This year negotiations are being drawn out with the employers who are to make an offer before next month. This lengthening of the "ritual dance" may be a tactical ploy with unions and managements unwilling to head the pay queue.

The most public service workers can expect this year is again 4.5 per cent, while those in the trading public sector have seen the 5.2 per cent offers made to colliery managers and deputies as the maximum ministers are prepared to allow for them. Both figures are identical to the top settlements in the last pay round, and although the Government remains confident of the policy holding once more there are rumblings of discontent among some unions which see no end to the widening gap between public and private sector settlements.

Some unions in the public sector are trying to forge a common front to oppose the 3 per cent limit. But their attempts have received less than total backing from the TUC bureaucracy, which is charged with organizing a conference of union executives to mount the challenge. That conference, seen by the left as a vital launching pad, has still to be arranged and will now probably be too late to influence the winter pay round.

This leaves the unions to go their own way, while still trying to push through the TUC's low-pay policy which seeks to raise minimum pay to two-thirds of the average industrial wage, or around £100 a week. Unions representing 500,000 white collar civil servants will not have an agreed pay claim for the first time in recent years, and the militant leadership of the Civil and Public Services Association will start drawing up plans for an all-out strike in the certain eventuality that its £15-a-week claim is turned down.

The Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, told the Commons during the unemployment debate in October that 500,000 jobs could be created if earnings kept abreast of prices instead of rising 3 per cent faster. It is difficult to find much support in industry for the view that low pay equals more jobs. If the company chairman referred to earlier is at all typical, then the Chancellor's wish is unlikely to be granted.

Ronald Butt

No freehold on the House

Mrs Thatcher has been fortunate in her foes. In her first Parliament there was the giant inflation, menacing every family, to be overcome, followed by General Galtieri's act of tyranny to resist. In this Parliament, Mr Scargill has promoted a tyranny of a different sort which the British people are equally unwilling to stomach. They have thrown themselves so unambiguously behind the Government's defence of the law and of parliamentary authority that victory seems only a matter of time.

So long as the battle raged with any doubt as to its outcome, it both distracted Mrs Thatcher's attention from other political dangers and, by monopolizing the headlines, distracted public attention from them as well. Increasing misgivings within the Tory Party were also suppressed out of a wish to give no hostages to a common enemy. Now that the victory of democracy seems only a matter of time, however, the Government becomes increasingly vulnerable to the charge that it has failed to respond adequately to the political threat from unemployment.

Until this autumn, the Government's belief that unemployment would fall as the economy recovered was accepted at face value by its supporters. Nobody believes this any longer. Although growth will quicken again to 3½ per cent next year (or possibly even to nearer 4 per cent) when the miners' strike is over, the unemployment figures will not fall with the rise in available jobs. Too many new jobs go not to the unionized industrial areas where unemployment is concentrated but to the flexible and casual labour market elsewhere. Even assuming that improved growth feeds into the unemployment figures by, say, 1986 or 1987, the effect could be too little and too late to safeguard the Conservative Party from danger at the next election.

The decline of labour-intensive industries is a large part of the problem. But so is the immobility of British labour, in some cases out of cultural habit, in others because external factors such as lack of cheap rented accommodation inhibits labour mobility. Nor does the British social security system put a premium on the urgent search for jobs wherever they can be found.

Various ideas are abroad for giving government-financed jobs, useful to the community, to jobless people at a rate of pay marginally above unemployment benefits. These could be useful palliatives but they do not tackle the essential problem, and Conservative MPs in Parliament are becoming increasingly restive. Many who have not been numbered among Mr Heath's or Mr Francis Pym's adherents are increasingly lending an ear to their advocacy of expansion through government spending.

The refusal of such a remarkable cross-section of Tory MPs to yield to Sir Keith Joseph's proposals for increased parental contributions to students' tuition and upkeep reflected more than dislike of what is seen as an unjust and capricious impost on a small number of people.

More fundamentally, there is growing disillusion with sustained austerity. Until recently, economic austerity has been accepted with varying degrees of good and bad grace. But the announcement of an exceptionally large September increase in the number out of work (to 3,283,640 or 13.6 per cent) was a watershed.

Conservative MPs complain that the mechanisms for moving the Government and party forward in tandem have broken down; that the Whips have been reduced to fire-fighting urgent conflagrations; that the Cabinet has been lulled into false security by the inadequacy of the Labour Opposition. There is deep discontent (also felt in the Central Office) with Mr John Gummer's party chairmanship; some Tory MPs say he does not even answer their letters. There is concern (shared by several Cabinet ministers) about the escalating cost of Trident II. But above all else there is the desire for a new government stance on unemployment and industrial relations.

The demand is easier understood than answered. For the Government to be scared into abandoning or relaxing its financial discipline in the hope of making jobs by government spending would produce no increased work commensurate with the inflationary risks. The latest phase of neo-Keynesian Reaganomics points a warning. The hope that the deficit would eventually produce growth which would subsequently absorb the deficit has failed. The deficit (financed by the rest of the world) remains despite the growth, and now alarm spreads in the US because of a dramatic slowdown in growth despite the deficit.

The Government must, therefore, not be stampeded into foolishness; on the other hand, it must accept that its backbenchers have a political wisdom, drawn from their constituencies. It is warning Mrs Thatcher that the electors have not given her a freehold.

Next to unemployment, the government's chief problem is to decide how to approach the unions after the repulse of Scargillism. There must be no crowing. The victory should be acknowledged as owing to the law-abiding instincts of the trade union majority. Responsible trade unionism and industrial cooperation should be encouraged. Mrs Thatcher could do worse than consult directly some of the responsible trade union leaders individually about the nation's unemployment problem, to see what they think can be done by improving labour mobility and reducing restrictive practices. Industrial consultation (not the same as usurping management's role) and share ownership should be encouraged so that there is a constructive management-worker relationship which does not depend on the adversarial stance of the shop-steward.

The mass of trade unionists can find much to approve in Thatcherism: control over inflation, more realism and responsibility; less waste; more chance to take their own decisions. But unless the Government's approach to unemployment and industrial relations can command their assent, all that Mrs Thatcher has achieved will be at risk. The Tory Party must never forget that it holds office by the votes of millions of trade unionists and other working people.

Marghanita Laski

New word for an old feeling

In the latest batch of galley-proofs for the *Oxford English Dictionary's* new *Supplement* there is a terrible word, new to the English language. It is *Torschlusspanik*, and it is defined as "Panic at the thought that a door between oneself and life's opportunities has shut."

Torschlusspanik came, of course, like many not unrelated words – *angst*, *schadenfreude* – from the German, but it can be only very recently that *we* needed this one, for it is only very recently that it came. Its so-far-discovered first recorded usage in an English context was 1963, and, as so often happens, the pioneers did not appreciate the newcomer's potential. In the second of its three illustrative quotes, from *Time* magazine in 1977, the writer had thought no more of it than that it could name "mid-life crisis"; the third example adds nothing useful.

Perhaps – to be tolerant to these early users – *Torschlusspanik's* time had not yet come. It is here now. Life henceforth, whether read of or known, can seem little but a series of occasions for its use, from the moment that it is forced on us that we are not, after all, going to be the Most Popular Girl (or, it might be, Boy) in the Lower Third.

One can try to trivialize its terrors. Rooting for light or dark blue in the Boat Race, say, walking home through the allotments or by the main road, taking this book not that from the library shelves – can it really matter enough for *Torschlusspanik* to come into play? But of course it can, once we have the word that tells us it might. The train that pulled out and I not on it is a world of terror now, though once no more than an interesting pang.

Soon there is worse, with the realization that it is not, and perhaps never was, choice that determined which door opened, which shut. He was not fast enough, she was not funny enough, we just hadn't enough charisma. There never was anything for that once pretty young girl now tiredly pushing her pram but the too-early marriage; the door to the secretarial course that might have taken her to the publisher or the BBC, to New York or Rio de Janeiro was perhaps never really open for her, any more than her now-defeated young husband had ever had the choice of the Foreign Legion or, through evening classes in Chinese, heaven knows what prospects in Hong Kong. It may even be not *Torschlusspanik* that they feel when they look back on what once were hopes, but *Torschlussfreude*.

It would be as well to have this name too – but small chance to use it, as against the imperatives of its antonym. Not, after all, good enough for a First: *Torschlusspanik*. Not, after all, the best of one's kind: *Torschlusspanik*. Rejected for this, not thought of for that, our best possible, our surely excellent suggestion not preferred, given the chance and falling down on it and not likely to be given another – bang, slam, goes the door.

I knew three writers, three good successful writers greatly esteemed at their proper levels, each corroded by the realization that a Nobel Prize for Literature would never be theirs; if they had been Sardinian, say, or Sudanese, then maybe, but English or American – never a chance. Would it have been easier for them, I wonder, or harder, if they had been able to identify *Torschlusspanik* when at last they had to come up against the closed door?

In the West at least there can be no escape from *Torschlusspanik* whether we know the word or not. We set small store here on transcending passion, and so long as passion is not spent, a heavy thud reverberates at every rejection, and few the lives in which acceptances are the more common form. And always there is worse still to come. Nearly the last door has shut, and surely the most dreadful panic yet, when even the chance of rejection has gone; the commemorative clock, the goodbye party, perhaps recall for mumbled reminiscence on a look-back programme. *Torschlusspanik* has taken over for all the time that remains.

There is no one of us who cannot fully imagine, on the pulse, the last times we shall need the word, those days when they pay us the regular visit, remain for the obligatory hour they have set themselves and we know we can open no door to its extension, for we have nothing any more, to offer that they want: not ideas, not things, not any charisma at all. We shall be lucky, then, if we are beyond remembering what *Torschlusspanik* means.

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YOUTH ON CALL

The danger of providing benefits which are both adequate in amount and indefinite in duration is that men, as creatures who adapt themselves to circumstances, may settle down to them.

Men and women who have been unemployed for a certain period should be required as a condition of continued benefit to attend a work or training centre, such attendance being designed both as a means of preventing habituation to idleness and as a means of improving capacity for earnings.

Incidentally, though this is an altogether minor reason for the proposal, such a condition is the most effective way of unmasking the relatively few persons who may be suspected of malingering, who have perhaps some concealed means of earnings which they are combining with an appearance of unemployment.

The period after which attendance should be required need not be the same time at all times for all persons. It might be extended in times of high unemployment and reduced in times of good employment: six months for adults would perhaps be a reasonable average period of benefit without condition.

But for young persons who have not yet the habit of continuous work the period should be shorter: for boys and girls there should ideally be no unconditional benefit at all: their enforced abstention from work should be made an occasion of further training.

The quotations above all come from the Beveridge Report.

If those views were enunciated now with such starkness they would be greeted with cries of outrage across the political spectrum. However it is worth going back to Beveridge, and his first principles, whenever possible, as Lord Young discovered in the speech he made to the Building Employers Federation on Tuesday night.

The cost of unemployment is not simply the vast figure which shows up in public spending. We know that there is a concealed but considerable social cost in the wear and tear on families and communities. Beyond that, however, there is a further cost which can be seen in the growth of an attitude, particularly among young people, that the state will always provide.

Lord Young is chairing a group that is looking at all provisions for the 14 – 18 age group whether it be in school, at work, in training or in unemployment. Beveridge's first principle is that these young people should receive no unconditional benefit, and a very laudable principle that is.

In practice, however, the school-leaver today, aged 16, immediately receives £17.30 per week. If he or she leaves home he will receive a rent allowance and other devices of state assistance. The youth of today is thus being educated into the virtues of taking state benefits as a matter of course. It is a culture which carries the seeds of much greater corruption for the future. Not surprisingly many individuals prefer to take the benefits, at that early age, than to seek work which may impose disciplines on them for only a few pounds extra in their pocket.

Another of Beveridge's first principles was that the system of welfare which he proposed required the British economy to maintain full or nearly full employment. Had his principles been applied as strictly over the years as the wording of his Report suggests, we might not be faced with the need to cope with the prolonged and massive unemployment of today. As a society we would not be losing sight of the work ethic which must have become elusive to generations of school leavers when they are confronted with the possibility of getting by on a scale of benefit which is quite disproportionate to their needs at that age.

The Youth Training Scheme has shown how most young people will go out and find work after a period of training and there are plans to extend it to a two-year period if industry can be prevailed upon to co-operate in a larger scheme. This should be only a part of a much more imaginative and ambitious approach to the whole question of youth opportunity in society.

A recent study showed that there are hundreds of thousands of places a year which could be opened up to youth service in the fields of community activity: the social services, education and health service. That study was based on the voluntary principle and there is still considerable hostility to the idea of some compulsory scheme for the youth of the country to provide some time in community service in exchange for dole money or supplementary benefit.

Technicalities apart, there are colossal social arguments to be made in favour of such a scheme of national service with a wider range of options than the social services, education and the health service. Of course there would be financial and administrative difficulties, nor should such a scheme be devised simply as an answer to the question of youth unemployment. But the degree of youth unemployment and the enervating effects of the "benefit" culture becoming prevalent among young people long before they are the victims of prolonged unemployment suggests that there would be advantages in looking at the school leaving age group as a whole. The evidence of a series published recently in *The Times* suggests that Britain's youth in its heart knows that it wants to be of service and recognizes a sense of obligation to the community. It should respond enthusiastically to a national initiative based on Beveridge's principle that there is work to be done, either in training for further work or in exchange for a benefit which would not otherwise be paid.

A VERY ODD MAN OUT

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, has for some time been the odd man out in the European Community, and he virtually reduced that role to self-caricature at the Dublin summit that has just ended. Until the closing stages, the meeting had passed off very much better than many had feared. Above all, agreement had been reached on restraining the costly over-production of wine in the Community which, under present arrangements, would have filled the existing wine lake to overflowing when Spanish production was added to it. A broad agreement also seems to have been reached on fish (subject to a further meeting) though it has not yet been made public. Neither tariff barriers nor Mediterranean agriculture now present any significant difficulties. With so much settled, the way seemed clear for the Iberian nations to join the Community by the target date of January 1, 1986 – at which point the Greek Prime Minister delivered his little bombshell.

He announced that Greece reserved the right to veto the deal at the final stage of the negotiations if the Community did not concede a programme costing 5,000 million ecus (or £3,000 million) as a special support scheme for Mediterranean agriculture, of which sum about 1,500 million ecus is the amount he would like for Greece. This concept of the "integrated Mediterranean programmes" was originally floated by the last Commission, with a tentative figure of 6,500 million ecus attached to it which nobody (except Greece took seriously) and which the chairman of the new Commission, M Jacques Delors is known to consider unwise.

The essence of the matter is that Greece is already an exceptionally large net beneficiary of Community membership. Its net receipts in 1982 were 685 million ecus, and in 1983 940 million ecus. According to estimates, Greece will also get 2,500 million ecus (£1,500 million) from regional and social aid grants between 1985-9. The industrial nations, Britain, France and Germany, have been willing to pay heavily to assist the return of Greece to democracy, and for precisely the same reason they are now willing to pay to help Spain and Portugal for the same end. But there is a limit to what they can offer and there will be no sympathy at all for Mr Papandreou's threat to deprive the Iberian countries of the benefits Greece now enjoys, unless his country is given still more.

There is, however, little likelihood that he will press his point to a veto of enlargement. Were he to do so, he would simply be cutting off his country's nose to spite its face. For one thing, blocking enlargement would also mean blocking the agreed increase in the Community's "own resources" from which Greece in particular benefits. It is true that if the Greeks chose to exercise their veto, enlargement could be blocked. It is one of the subjects specifically reserved by the Rome Treaty for unanimous decision, so that the Luxembourg compromise is not even at issue here.

Nor, if the Greek government were utterly recalcitrant, would there be any way of ejecting Greece from the Community, even if this were desirable, which (in the interests of Mediterranean stability) it is not. (There will, presumably, be other democratic Greek Prime Ministers after Mr Papandreou). It is simply a matter of making it quite clear that the Greeks have no chance of getting anything like the figure for Mediterranean support they want, though they will almost certainly get more than the somewhat derisory 90 million ecus which they have so far been offered. In Western political co-operation generally, the Greek Prime Minister has often been less than helpful. He alone, for instance, recognizes the PLO. That cannot be helped, but in this matter he is playing from a weak hand. When Greece stands to lose so much by blocking enlargement, it is hardly conceivable that it will persist against the solid front of the other nine Community states.

DOWN FROM THE HIGH GROUND

Sir Keith Joseph's decision to reduce the State's cash contribution to students began last week as a piece of indifferent administration and ended this week as one of the worst political rows of Mrs Thatcher's Government. That may be regretted but it cannot be wished away, whatever parliamentary language was used yesterday to cover it.

There is merit in Sir Keith's peace-making proposal to study further the means by which the maintenance and tuition of students should be funded – in particular the consideration of a loan scheme. Some will see the preservation of an important principle in his announcement that tuition fees are not, after all, to be paid even by better off parents. There is certainly a practical (and timely) political argument for the change of course. On the streets of Southgate the Conservative candidate may find support from party loyalists that has hitherto been denied to him. And all MPs will be pleased to sit down in their homes without the threatening telephone calls from their local party chairmen and the sacks of mail that bear little seasonal goodwill.

But Sir Keith revealed yesterday that as a result of his party's pressure an extra £10 million will have to be found from the Exchequer for next year's education budget. A further £11 million has to be found from his existing allocation of funds; the losers will be micro-electronics, adult education and equipment for universities. The figures may be small by comparison with the great mass of public spending, but by rearranging priorities because of the barking and bleating of back benchers the Government has given up high ground that it can ill afford to lose.

The Prime Minister likes to see herself as leader of a moral movement to reduce the reach of Government and strengthen the responsibility of the individual. (Perhaps she might ask Sir Keith's enquiry team to consider whether 18-year-old students should not be considered as individuals in their own right rather than parental wards.) It is her opponents whom she likes to brand as politicians prepared to share the national cake among their favoured interest groups.

In the five years that Mrs Thatcher has attempted to curb the growth of state spending, many groups have received less public money than they thought was their due. This year some strikers have lost their pound; some pensioners their heating allowance; some low income families their housing benefits. The cutting of public expenditure can be crude in its effects. It is self-deluding to think that it will always be fair. Yet the need to continue public expenditure control is recognised by the vast majority of Government supporters who have given Sir Keith so hard a time in the past few days.

So how will this Government stand in the future when it considers new proposals that will take money from the purses of the middle classes? The Chancellor is reported to be considering the taxation of lump sum pension payouts. Will he now think twice? If he considers such a change and rejects it on good economic grounds will he be able to convince those who are taxed instead that he has made up his mind without the grim memory of the Education Secretary's ordeal being in the forefront of it?

The Government stands in a still worse moral position when it turns to those groups which are not in its natural constituency – the recipients of state benefit whom Mr Fowler and Lord Young have in their sights.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rough justice for juveniles

From Mr J. Rea Price

Sir, Our juvenile justice system is a shambles and the child-care legislation which backs it is self-contradicting to the point of incoherence. There was, therefore, almost universal relief when Mrs Renée Short, MP's Select Committee on Children in Care recognised the gravity of the situation earlier this year and required ministers urgently to come forward with proposals on both counts.

The crisis is not an academic one; we are operating a system which research carried out by DHSS itself confirms has been ensuring that more children have been committed to institutions at an earlier age for more trivial offences than was the case 20 years ago; thence they progress on the escalator into the penal system at great cost to the taxpayer and to themselves.

Belatedly, the Government has acknowledged that it is neither good economics nor in any way effective to funnel so many children and young people into the criminal justice system, and it was only this time last year that the Secretary of State for Social Services was himself addressing a conference to this effect.

As the relevant White Paper at no point suggests that any special considerations may apply to juveniles and the Bill at present before the House of Lords makes only passing reference to them, it is hard not to conclude that the Government's position on the prosecution service is completely at variance with its policy on the diversion of young offenders. It is precisely the incompetent young person who is always getting caught for petty offences whom we should be trying to keep out of the criminal system.

The proposals for the prosecution service, of course, draw heavily on the experience in Scotland of the procurator fiscal, whose role in 1968 was replaced in the large majority of matters relating to juveniles by the independent reporter. This officer has a much wider and more positive role than that of the prosecutor, including the requirement to satisfy himself that there is no alternative to the child going before the court or a panel.

Many of us hope that Parliament's decision will be to transpose the successes of the Scottish system into England and Wales. Can the Government therefore not be consistent in its importations from Scotland?

What on earth is the point of establishing a prosecution service for juveniles when the weighty experience of centuries of crown prosecution in Scotland led to it being effectively abandoned in 1968? Can we not wait until the Government has answered the questions set by Mrs Short's committee?

Yours faithfully,
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November 30.

A career at County Hall

From Mr E. J. Nickson

Sir, Your leader on abolition of the Greater London Council (November 24) tells us, "There are staff at the GLC who have too long enjoyed the good life at the ratepayers' expense".

I wish you had identified these people. I have worked at The County Hall now for the last 33 years. Am I one of them? Or are you perhaps talking about the small corpus of staff recruited specifically to help implement some of the present administration's more controversial policies and who would probably not have survived the next election?

What and where is this good life I am supposed to be enjoying? At The County Hall? You can only be joking – anything remotely so describable vanished without trace circa 1965.

I and thousands like me have spent a career in the public service, accepting remuneration lower than that for equivalent work and responsibility in private employment in return for job security. That unwritten agreement is now being dishonoured.

I am trained, experienced and qualified for nothing except local government and the prospects for alternative work are slim indeed. I personally am looking forward to redundancy and early retirement at the very considerable expense of the ratepayer and the superannuation fund. But if I were 10 or 15 years younger I should be very frightened.

Please then let us not add to the injury with cheap insults about the value of our contribution to the community and complacent ignorance about the scale of our rewards.

Yours sincerely,
E. J. NICKSON,
31 Lowfield Road,
Acton, W3.
November 25.

'Alienation' in Ulster

From Mr Jim Davidson

Sir, The existence of widespread "alienation" amongst Catholics in Northern Ireland is taken for granted by the Irish Government and by many commentators on Northern Ireland affairs. While I have yet to hear a definition of this concept from any of the parties who use it, I take it to imply grave dissatisfaction with the present direct-rule system of government.

But what evidence is there for this? Mass demonstrations by Catholics or anybody else against direct rule are noticeable by their absence, unlike the sitation prior to 1972 when the Protestant-dominated Stormont system was still in existence.

Opinion polls have always found direct rule to be widely acceptable to both Catholics and Protestant. A recent poll published by the *Belfast Telegraph* on October 12 enquired about levels of satisfaction with direct rule and it found that only 18 per cent of Catholics were "very dissatisfied" (from which it can be reasonably inferred that only about a half of Sinn Fein voters are "very dissatisfied" with direct rule).

It is true that a further 29 per cent expressed themselves to be "dissatisfied", making a total of 47 per cent who were less than "satisfied". However, against this 50 per cent expressed themselves to be "satisfied" or "very satisfied", which implies that the vast majority of SDLP voters are at worst "satisfied" with direct rule. Can these findings be squared with the existence of widespread "alienation" amongst Catholics? I doubt it.

The equivalent figures for the Protestant community were 58 per cent "satisfied" or "very satisfied" and 40 per cent less than "satisfied", which implies that Protestant "alienation" from the present system of government is almost as widespread as Catholic "alienation".

Yours sincerely,
JIM DAVIDSON,
Belfast 7.
Northern Ireland.
November 22.

The last four paragraphs of yesterday's leader on the Law of the Sea were printed out of order. Those that appeared as the last and one but last should have come third and fourth from the end.

Favourable prospect for Law of Sea

From the Chairman, United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir, Colin Hughes's article, "Will Britain catch the tide?" (December 3), prompts a reply to some of the points raised by objectors to the Law of the Sea Treaty.

Firstly, the requirements for mandatory technology transfer to the International Seabed Authority are deemed by some people to be inimical to the interests of British companies.

In fact, these requirements come into operation only if the enterprise cannot obtain the same equally efficient and useful technology on the open market on fair and reasonable terms. It is most unlikely that such technology will not be available, since most firms survive by selling their wares. If such technology is not freely available any compulsory transfer will take place only on fair and reasonable commercial terms.

Secondly, it is argued that the International Seabed Authority will be an unwieldy, bureaucratic, politicised, inefficient body and will place too heavy a financial burden on the UK, especially in the absence of the US.

The International Seabed Authority and the enterprise are not UN bodies. Only state parties to the UN Law of the Sea Convention can be members of the authority, which will initially consist of 60 states. The authority is not a management body for all ocean use but is responsible only for carrying out functions under part XI. It will not be comparable with the UN or its specialised agencies but rather with, for example, the functional directorate of the European Commission or fishery commission.

As far as costs are concerned, the US rejection of the treaty does create a problem. Costs, however, are not known and we have no realistic figures regarding operations which will be limited by money available from states. The greater the number of mining states that join the Convention the less the cost to the UK. UK signature and ratification would encourage the others.

Thirdly, it is claimed that the treaty favours the poor, landlocked and Eastern-block countries and that Western mining states will be outvoted in the International Seabed Authority Assembly and Council.

This is possible, but unlikely. The mining states' influence on the policies of the authority will be insignificant only if they take no part in it. A good example of the dangers of non-participation is the UK's belated joining of the EEC.

Fourthly, it is suggested that the parts of the treaty acceptable to the UK will be adopted into state practice and will become part of customary law. Therefore, the UK has nothing to gain by signing the treaty.

This is very uncertain and unclear. Parts of the treaty might come to be regarded as part of customary law, but probably not without conflict and only after a long time. Other parts, such as the vital rights of unimpeded transit through straits and provisions improving enforcement of laws for prevention of marine pollution, are not likely to be established without a treaty.

Finally, some objectors fear that mining states might be outvoted at the review conference and that this conference might decide to allow only the enterprise to exploit the deep sea.

This seems most unlikely because of the large majority required. The conference will not take place until 15 years after the entry into force of the Convention. Such a decision could be taken only if consensus fails to be deemed just and only five years after such a failure. This is a very remote possibility.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ENNALS, Chairman,
United Nations Association of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
3 Whitehall Court, SW1.
December 4.

Juror's oath

From Mr J. P. D. Dean

Sir, It is disturbing that the juror's oath is to be "simplified" (report, November 27). Any barrister who practises in the criminal courts knows that some jurors have difficulty in "coping with ... the awkward phraseology of the existing oath". But, although some are tongue-tied, few can be confused as to its meaning when they have heard it sworn 12 times.

The juror's oath has two aspects. Its private aspect binds the juror to be truthful and impartial in reaching his verdict. Its public and larger aspect states that the issues to be tried lie between the defendant and the Sovereign.

The oath does not create a contract between each juror and the defendant to try the latter fairly. It rather gives a juror the status to act on behalf of the Sovereign in deciding whether or no the defendant has, by committing a crime, breached the Queen's peace.

The words, "the several issues joined between our sovereign lady the Queen and the defendant", introduce a third point, quite distinct from the parties to the trial, enabling each juror to perform his public duty disinterestedly according to the evidence.

The Sovereign will now be excluded from the proceedings and jurors in England and Wales will be deprived of a status handed down to the British people by reason and ancient tradition.

In tinkering with the wording of the oath the judiciary and the Lord Chancellor's Department have missed the point.

Yours faithfully,
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November 27.

Cold comfort

From Mrs Hazel Fallon

Sir, The answer to the hazardous implications of the Middlesex Hospital "hanging fridges" (Mr Silvester, December 3) is for their owners to construct food larders, as do Guides when at camp.

All that is required is a square of plywood, four equal lengths of strong cord and a piece of fine mesh nylon netting as used for curtains. The cord is inserted into the four corners of the wood and firm knots are tied beneath. Tie the other four ends together at the height required for the larder.

The netting is glued or stapled on to the under edge of the wood and then brought up on the outside of the cord supports and tied at the top.

This larder hangs outside and is safe hygienic, bird and insect-proof and never "warms up" like plastic.

Yours truly,
HAZEL FALLON,
Easter Ballindean House,
Inchture,
Perthshire,
Scotland.
December 3.

Paper pounds

From Mr M. R. Weale

Sir, Surely it is no coincidence that the abolition of the £1 note appears at the same time as the suggestion (report, November 26) that private banknotes be allowed. If we all miss the £1 note so much surely it ought to stand at a "convenience premium" over the £1 coin. An enterprising bank ought to be able to sell £1 notes for £1.05 and buy them back for £1.

Such a suggestion may seem far-fetched, but it should be noted that the great Bank of Amsterdam, in the seventeenth century, did almost exactly this. People could deposit gold in exchange for ledger entries which were more secure and easier to use for some purposes. So the "bank money" stood at a premium of up to 9 per cent over gold.

Yours faithfully,
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November 26.

Violence on TV

From Dr William Belson

Sir, In his letter of November 22, Dr Towler of the Independent Broadcasting Authority misrepresents my position, saying that I regard my research as providing "conclusive evidence" about the effects of watching television violence. Not so, Dr Towler.

I have at all times refrained from making such a claim, saying only that there is very strong support in the evidence for the view that long-term exposure to television violence increases the degree to which boys engage in serious violence themselves. This position is clearly stated in the report.

When investigating complex human affairs, only the naive researcher will claim *proof* and only the naive reader will demand it. Yet it has long been the way of the broadcasters of violence to demand proof – and in its absence to go on doing what they were doing.

I would like to leave the following thought with Dr Towler and his Director General, Mr Whitney, whose published statement led to my earlier letter. If on some matter of social importance there is even a *possibility* that a public authority is allowing harm to be done to those it is meant to protect, then the truly responsible administrator within it will take steps to avert that possibly harmful outcome.

It takes a high degree of irresponsibility to allow the continuance of that activity when there is very strong evidence in support of the view that serious harm is being done by it.

Yours sincerely,
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November 27.

Fears about a tax on learning

From Mr Clive Jenkins

Sir, You have recently given space in your columns to distinguished correspondents opposed to the imposition of value-added tax on books, periodicals and newspapers.

May I add the TUC's voice to those who protest against the prospect of a tax on literature and on learning? The TUC Education Committee and the General Council are appalled that the Government seems seriously to be considering a move to make books, in particular, more expensive at a time when educational establishments are experiencing severe difficulties in maintaining books supply. Schools especially are suffering book shortages and they would have little chance of renewing their stocks if books were made dearer to buy.

Beyond the schools sector students have to buy their own books – and their purchasing power will be reduced by next year's cuts in mandatory grants. They will have to turn to libraries which, in turn, will be under great pressure, as other correspondents have pointed out.

This threatened tax is another blow from the Government to least affluent members of society. Many working people have missed out on formal educational opportunities and do their "learning" outside the formal system. They will lose out a second time if they cannot afford to buy books. Also, poorer parents will have even less chance of buying their children's schoolbooks – which they should not be asked to do in the first place.

Our textbook stock is already tattered. These arguments also apply to newspapers and periodicals, which are a source of information, as well as entertainment, to working people.

Might I end by reminding the Government that changing work patterns may eventually give people more and more leisure time. The Government threatens to hinder people's chances of putting this time to good use.

Yours sincerely,
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TUC Education Committee),
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Technical and Managerial Staffs,
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December 4.

Student grants

From Dr Patrick Cosgrave

Sir, In everything that I have read in the newspapers, and everything I have heard and seen on radio and television, argument about Sir Keith's proposals is concerned with only two questions – how much should the parent pay and how much should the taxpayer pay? Nothing is said about how much the student should pay.

The proposition that there is no work for young people is the most arrant nonsense. I did all sorts of jobs when I was a student, but in case it may appear that I am being too much of a fogey (old or young) I should mention that a niece of mine worked at all sorts of menial jobs to supplement her university grant: she is in her twenties.

Sir Keith's proposals have, in my view, one great merit. The provision they contain for the funding of higher education for the gifted children of poor and (perhaps) hostile parents is lavish. It is, of course, on provision for such children that available resources should be concentrated.

For the rest, if a parent earning between £20,000 and £30,000 a year chooses, with his income, to finance a child at university and suffer accordingly in creature comforts, well and good. And if not, not.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
PATRICK COSGRAVE,
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Fulham, SW6.

From the Director of London House for Overseas Graduates

Sir, When Spain does enter the Common Market Spanish students will be able to attend universities in this country at the lower, domestic rate of fees while students from Gibraltar have to pay the higher, overseas rate.

Does anyone believe that Sir Keith Joseph and his colleagues intended this result?

Yours sincerely,
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December 4.

Ancient woods

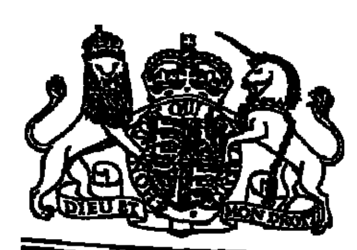
From Mr R. E. J. Locke

Sir, Your interesting conjunction of Pissarro's picture of St Stephen's, Dulwich, with the same scene photographed today (December 4) is a reminder that he painted also in the heart of the threatened Sydenham Hill Woods. The painting, long considered to be of the railway at Penge but now recognised as representing the old Crystal Palace line looking towards the former Lordship Lane station, must have been painted from the footbridge which still crosses the abandoned track.

These woods are a unique survival of the ancient Great North Wood. It is a credit to the Southwark Borough Council that they have entrusted guardianship to the London Wildlife Trust, who have worked hard with small resources to safeguard the flora and fauna of the woods and to create and control public access.

If now the proposed development is permitted the loss would be grievous, not only to naturalists and to schools, but to all who enjoy walking in a beautiful place which seems far removed from its neighbouring suburbs.

Yours faithfully,
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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

December 5: The Queen, Patron of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare, this evening honoured with her presence the première of the film *A Christmas Carol* at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square.

Her Majesty was received by the President of the Association (the Countess of Limerick).

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robert Fellowes and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presented the 1984 English Language Competition Prizes and afterwards chaired a meeting of the English Language Committee.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Tiger Club 'Dawn to Dusk' and GNAV Competitions, this evening presented the Tiger Club prizes and afterwards was present at dinner at the Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, W1.

His Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Royal Aero Club (Mr Beverley Snook) and the President of the Society (Dr Geoffrey Pardoe).

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips arrived at Royal Air Force Turnhouse in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this afternoon and was received by Dr Graeme Warrack (Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh).

Her Royal Highness then drove to the Royal Blind Asylum and School and, escorted by the Headmaster (Mr W. Aitken), toured the School.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel in Chief, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), later at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, received Lieutenant-Colonel P. J. Cardwell Moore upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel M. J. Strudwick upon assuming command.

In the evening Her Royal Highness attended the Royal Blind Asylum and School's Concert in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips later left Waverley Station in the Royal Train.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport-London this afternoon upon the arrival of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Denham (Captain of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms) at the Memorial Service for the Hon Sir Anthony Berry (formerly Treasurer of the Household) which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 5: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 5: The Prince of Wales this morning visited 19 Infantry Brigade at Goojerat Barracks, Colchester, Essex.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major Jack Stenhouse, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, Patron of Birthright, this evening attended a performance of *Starlight Express* in aid of the Charity, at the Apollo Theatre, Victoria.

Major Jack Stenhouse and Mrs George West were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this afternoon at a Party held at St James's Palace, for members of the Young League of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

Her Royal Highness, Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, this evening attended a Ball held at the Inter-Continental Hotel in aid of the Order of St John.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 5: The Duke of Gloucester visited South Yorkshire today. In the morning His Royal Highness opened Magnet and Southerns Ltd's new glass factory in Greasborough and later visited Rockingham College of Further Education, Wath Industrial Estate Unit 4 and toured schemes being carried out by Wath Aid.

The Duke of Gloucester travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 5: The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year 1985, this morning took the chair at a Committee Meeting at the Arts Council, 105 Piccadilly, London W1.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, today visited the Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 5: Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy at the Memorial Service for the Hon Sir Anthony Berry which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. P. Batting and Miss J. M. Theobald
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr P. C. Batting, of Friston, and of Mrs K. Batting, of Bexhill-on-Sea, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. P. Theobald, of Towerhill Manor, Gomshall.

Mr P. A. S. Cartwright, RHF and Miss F. C. Watson
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs I. G. S. Cartwright, of Rauceby, Lincolnshire, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Watson, of Little Shelford, Cambridge.

Dr A. G. Farkas and Dr K. R. Lethem
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Dr and Mrs G. Farkas, of St John's Wood, and Rosemary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Lethem, of Sheffield.

Mr N. T. W. Gee and Miss B. S. Starr
The engagement is announced between Nathaniel, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. W. Gee, of Keymer, Sussex, and Beverley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. G. Starr, of Southport, Merseyside.

Mr M. J. Green and Miss N. Ahsan
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Martin, son of Dr and Mrs W. Green, of Pokfulam, Hong Kong, and Nyla, only daughter of Vice-Admiral and Mrs S. M. Ahsan, of Karachi, Pakistan.

Mr P. L. Hay and Mrs P. S. A. L. Rogers
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of the late Mr Norman Hay and Mrs Joan Hay, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, and Perdita, second daughter of Mr Brian Anderson, of Linton, Cambridge, and Mrs Lucie Wilkinson, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr T. M. Higgins and Miss E. B. L. White
The engagement is announced between Terry, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Higgins, of Corringham, Essex, and Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs Wallace White, of Great Baddow, Essex.

Mr A. G. Martin-Bird and Miss H. L. S. Lambert
The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Major and Mrs Nigel Martin-Bird, of Saucelands, Coolham, Horsham, Sussex, and Harriet, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Olaf Lambert, of Elm Farm, Baybridge, Owslebury, Hampshire.

Mr S. Parish and Miss S. F. Williams
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Parish, of Romford Essex, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams, of Canterbury.

Mr M. A. C. Herbert and Miss M. A. Rodda
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr J. Herbert, of Lisbon, Portugal, and Mary Ann, daughter of Mrs P. A. Rodda, of Chiswick Mall, London.

Dr M. G. Prentice and Miss L. A. Clifford-Holmes
The engagement is announced between Malcolm George, only son of Mr and Mrs G. Prentice, of Kensington, London, and Loretta Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugo Clifford Holmes, of Dennington, Ridgeway, Woking, Surrey.

Mr R. D. Scott and Miss V. M. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced between Richard David, only son of Rear Admiral Sir David and Lady Scott, of Chiswick, London, and Veronica Mary, youngest daughter of Mrs K. A. Wilkinson and the late J. H. Wilkinson, FCA, of Didsbury, Manchester.

Mr N. S. Snell and Miss S. E. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Dr and Mrs Eric Snell, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Sarah Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late Mr Basil Lloyd and of Mrs Susan Lloyd, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr J. O. Tandy and Miss H. Cozens
The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mrs Tandy and the late Mr W. Tandy, of Newport, and Harriet, younger daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs H. I. Cozens, of Horley, Oxfordshire.

Mr A. J. A. Tate and Mrs J. M. Soutar
The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. F. Tate, of London, and Jocelyn Mary Soutar (née Turnbull), of London.

Mr P. N. C. Walker and Miss S. C. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of the late Mr Malcolm T. Walker, CBE, and Mrs Jean Walker, Millers Barn, Plush, Dorset, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. B. Anderson, Broom, Ancrum, Roxburghshire.

Mr J. F. Warren and Miss D. J. Smith
The engagement is announced between James Frederick, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Warren, of Wansford, Peterborough, and Deirdre Jane, only daughter of the Rev R. G. and Mrs Smith, of Columbus, Ohio, United States.

Mr P. A. Woodward and Miss S. M. Arr
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of the Rev Max and Mrs Woodward, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Arr, of Raglan, Gwent.

Luncheon

University College London
University College London gave a luncheon on Tuesday, December 4, for members of the London University Parliamentary Group. Sir James Lighthill, Provost, presided. Those present were:
Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP (joint chairman, London University Parliamentary Group), Mr N G Thorne, MP, Mr R Hicks, MP, Mr P K Archer, QC, MP, Mr E P Deakin, MP, Dr Oonagh McDonald, MP, Dr J Marek, MP, Major-General I H Baker, Professor J W Muliin, Professor J E C T White, Professor F F Hermann, Professor E R Huehns, Professor P T Kirstein, Professor T H Lambert and Professor L B Strang.

Reception

Royal College of Nursing
Miss Sheila Quinn, President of the Royal College of Nursing, last night gave a reception at 20 Cavendish Square in honour of the delegation from the Chinese Nursing Association.

Memorial services

The Hon Sir Anthony Berry, MP
The Queen was represented by Lord Denham at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Hon Sir Anthony Berry, MP, held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. The Princess of Wales, niece, was present and Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated and the Rev Brian Mountford and the Rev Peter Radley were robed and in the Sacrarium. The Prime Minister and Mr Edward Berry and Mr George Berry, sons, read the lessons and an address was given by the Speaker, who was accompanied by Mrs Weatherill. The Lord President and Viscountess Whitelaw, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Privy Seal and Mrs Biffen, Lord Home of the Hirsel, Mr Edward Heath, MP, the leader of the Social Democratic Party, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Deputy Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Enfield, the Town Clerk and the Leader of Enfield Council attended.

Others present included:

The Hon Lady Berry (widow), Miss Sasha Berry, Miss Joanna Berry, Miss Antonia Berry and Mrs R Bartz (daughters), Viscount and Viscountess Kemsley and the Hon Neville and Mrs Berry (brothers and sisters-in-law), Pamela Marchioness of Huntly (sister), Mr and Mrs Raymond Clifford-Turner (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie and Mr and Mrs Charles Clifford-Turner (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Colonel the Hon Julian and Mrs Berry, Mr Laurence Kelly, Lady Georgina Coleridge, Mr and the Hon Mrs C H van Raalte, Mr and the Hon Mrs G N Mobbs, Mr and the Hon Mrs Houison Craufurd, Mr and the Hon Mrs R Bream, Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Shand Kydd, Mr D M Parry, Lord and Lady Biffe, the Earl and Countess of Aboyne, the Hon Harry and Lady Lemina Lawson-Johnston, Mrs B Gilmour, Mr Rupert Gilmour, Mrs Susan Harding, Mr Rupert Harding, Miss Louise Harding, Lord Hartwell, Viscount Camrose, Mrs B Orange, the Earl of Birkenhead, the Countess of Birkenhead, the Hon Mrs S Watson, the Hon Mrs Smith-Bingham, Mr Simon Clifford-Turner, Mr Andrew Stormonth-Darling, Mr Lorne Stormonth-Darling, Mr Rory Stormonth-Darling, Miss Alexandra Ingleby-Mackenzie, Mr and the Hon Mrs M Gunningham, Ruth Lady Fermoy, Mr Robert and Lady Jane Fellowes, Lady Fermoy, the Hon Frances Roche, Mr and Mrs R Llewellyn, Mr John Vachell, Miss Clemency Ames.

The American Ambassador, the Israeli Ambassador, the Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland and Mrs Noel Dorr; the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for Energy and Mrs Walker, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Hon Mrs Younger, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Jenkin, the Secretary of State for Employment and Mrs King, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Mrs Jopling the Paymaster General and Chairman of the Conservative Party (representing Conservative Central Office) and Mrs Gummer, and other Members of Parliament.

The Earl of Dartmouth, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, the Earl of Avon, the Earl of Swinton, the Earl of Bessborough, the Earl and Countess of Wilton, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, MP, Viscountess Stuart of Findhorn, Viscount Long, Viscount Tonypandy, Lord and Lady Lever of Manchester, Lord McAlpine of West Green, Lord Plummer of St Marylebone, Lord and Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord Boardman, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC and Lady Rawlinson, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord and Lady Chelwood, Lord Ashcombe, Lord Dacre of Glanton, Baroness Trumpington, Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, Lord and Lady Pender, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lord Holderness, Lord and Lady Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, Lord Grimthorpe, Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Lady Belhaven and Stenton, Lord Renton, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Luke, Lady Denham, Baroness Airey of Abingdon, Lord Aberdare, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lord Kinnaird, Lord Stodart of Leaston, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lord Dean of Beswick, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord Margadale, Lady Glenkinglas, Lady Farnham, Lady Ashdown, Lord & Lady Eden of Winton, Lord Blake (Christ Church, Oxford) and Lady Blake.

Mr B Godman Irvine, Sir John Nott, the Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, the Hon Robert Boscawen, MP, the Hon Timothy Sainsbury, MP, and Mrs Sainsbury, the Hon Mrs W Wallace, the Hon Dominic Elliot, the Hon David and Mrs Montagu, the Hon Mrs Alastair Campbell, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, the Hon Lady Cooper-Key, the Hon H W and Mrs Astor, Princess Joan Aly Khan, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Peter and Mrs Ward, the Hon Mrs A M Evans, the Hon Mrs Clarissa Luke, Sir Ian Mactaggart, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir John Rodgers, Sir Richard and Lady Thompson, Sir Peter Emery, MP, Sir Spencer and Lady Le Marchant, Sir Basil Feldman, Sir Anthony Garner, Sir Peter and Lady Anne Thorne, Sir Dennis Titchener-Barrett, Sir Ian McLeod, Dame Pamela Hunter, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir John Tilney, Sir John Woolf, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir David Lane, Sir Brian Warren, Sir William Rees-Mogg, Dame Joan Seccombe, Sir Guy and Lady Millard, Sir Graham Rowlandson, Lady Traherne, Sir Freddie Warren, Sir William and Lady Crawshay, Sir Eric Cheadle, Sir Charles and Lady Johnston, Sir David Lidderdale, Lady Villiers, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Sir Edward Brown, Sir David Wolfson, Sir Russell Sanderson, Sir James Lyons (Welsh Games Council) and Lady Lyons, Brigadier Sir Henry Lee (Conservative Industrial Fund).

Mr John and Lady Sarah Aspinall, Mr David and Lady Daphne Bailey, Mr and the Hon Mrs C Smith Ryland, Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Brand, Mr and the Hon Mrs Richard Palmer, Mr M J Hussey, Mr Cecil Dawson (European Education Research Trust), Mr James Stuart (president, Enfield-Southgate Conservative Association) and Mrs Stuart, Commander J Dickinson (Metropolitan Police), Mr F R Furber (Clifford-Turner), Mr G D Larkins (Hy-Ten), Mr Michael Fidler (national director, Conservative Friends of Israel), Mr S C Morris (City Industrial), Assistant Chief Constable David Scott (Sussex Police), Mr A W John (chairman, Property Holding and Investment Trust), Mr E W Hunter Christie (Falkland Islands Association and United Falkland Islands Committee), Mr A Hanson (Federation of Enfield Residents and Allied Associations), Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson (representing the Master of the Household and members of the department), Colonel D R P Lewis (Regimental Lieutenant Colonel, The Welsh Guards), Mrs Wendy Mitchell (Greater London Women's Conservative Association), Mr Robin Hill (1900 Club), Mr Donal Marr (Portland Club) and Mrs Marr, Miss S E Fair (Downhouse School), Mrs R Audling, Mr W Percy Grieve, QC, Mr Mark Birley, Mrs Paul Channon, Mr Gordon Reece, Mr K A Bradshaw (Clerk of the House of Commons), Prince and Princess George Galitzine, Mr Murdo MacLean, Mr H H Sebag-Montefiore, Mr and Mrs H V Hodson.

Miss Emma Nicholson, Colonel J A Aylmer, Mr and Mrs Donald Stringer, Mr Carol Mather, MP, Mr Ian Lang, MP, Mr Michael Neubert, MP, Mr John Stradling Thomas, MP, Mr Donald Thompson, MP, Mr and Mrs Gerald Ward, Mr John de Laszlo, Mrs R Markus, Mr Rupert Hambro, Mr and Mrs C A Prendergast, Mr and Mrs Derek Howe, Mr Donald du Parc Braham, Mr David Simpson, Rear-Admiral M C Morgan-Giles, Mr P Egerton-Warburton, Mr D S Perrett, QC, Dr and Mrs David Hay, Mr D Boz, Mr and Mrs Mark Schreiber, Major P Jennings, Major V Le Fanu, Mr K Morgan, Baroness Nancy Hoyningen-Huene, Mr C Benson, Mr and Mrs P Harari, Mr and Mrs David Naylor-Leyland, Mr Kenneth Wagg, Mr J A Lamkin, Mr and Mrs P J Kleeman, Mr J Kemp-Welch, Mrs S Hornby, Mr and Mrs J Steinberg, Miss P Rawlings, Mr J Raibial, Colonel and Mrs E Remington-Hobbs, Baron Alexis de Rede, Princess Josephine Loewenstein, Captain and Mrs M Naylor-Leyland, constituents of Enfield and Southgate and members of the Southgate and Palmer Green Association of Jewish ex-servicemen and women.

Lord Harris
A memorial service for Lord Harris was held in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday. The Dean of Canterbury officiated and pronounced the blessing, assisted by Canon Jonathan Russell and the Rev Howard Such. Canon Peter Brett read the lesson and Lord Cornwallis gave an address. Among those present were:

The Rev Christopher Donaldson, Mr Jonathan Marriott, Mrs Michael Marriott, the Hon Claud Phillimore, Lady Barbara Bossom, Lord Colgrain, Mr Andrew Howard, the Earl and Countess of Guildford, Mrs M Oliver, Dr W P Beresford-Jones.

Viscount De L'Isle, VC, Lady Fitzwalter, Sir Dawnay and Lady Lemon, Lady Goldsmith, The Very Rev Ian and Mrs White-Thomson, Colonel Hubert Allfrey, Wing Commander R Powling, Dr Geoffrey Templeman, Mr W U Jackson (chief executive, Kent County Council, and Clerk to the Lieutenancy of Kent), Mr Guy Rudgard (Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Mason, Kent), Dr Roy Edney (Masonic Knights Templar) and other representatives of freemasonry, the Chief Constable of Kent, the Chairman of the Kent Police Authority, and representatives of the MCC, Kent County Cricket Club, the Clockmakers' Company, the Antiquarian Horological Society, St John Ambulance Brigade, and many other organizations.

Major C. A. A. Robertson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Charles Albert Amherst Robertson was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev J. Neville Thomas, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated. Colonel James Dunsmure read from *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan, Major-General Sir Digby Raeburn, President of the Third Guards Club, read the lesson and Colonel George Ramsay, President of the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Branch, Scots Guards Association, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs W J Amhurst, Mrs Jillian Lock, Mrs Sheila Watts, Mr Martin Amhurst-Lock, Mr Timothy Amhurst, Miss Gabriel Amhurst.

The Duke of Fife, Major-General Earl Cathcart, Lord Maclean, Lord Westbury, Lady Lyell, Lord Burnham, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Colonel the Hon Peter Trustram Eve, Major-General Sir Allan Adair, Sir Henry Warner, Colonel Sir Henry and Lady Clowes, General Sir Michael Gow, Major-General Sir George Burns, Brigadier E Cardiff.

Brigadier and Mrs R Lewthwaite, Brigadier H G Kemball, Mr and Mrs John Weeks, Mr J W Townsend (chairman, London Branch, Scots Guards Association) with Mr R A Manning (secretary) and Mrs Manning, Miss D Shipsey (matron, King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers), Mr John Rawes (vice-president, Warrant Officers and Sergeants Past and Present Association, Scots Guards), Mr W P Maclagan (Clan Donnachaidh), Mrs George Ramsay, Mrs H W B Schroder, Mrs J A Dunsmure, and Major J J D Cox.

Dr A. W. Franklin
A memorial service for Dr Alfred White Franklin was held yesterday at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield. The Bishop of Rochester led the prayers and pronounced the blessing. The Rev A. W. S. Brown officiated, assisted by the Rev R. H. Arnold and the Rev Dr G. Udall. Mr Philip Franklin, son, read the lesson and Mr Tom Franklin, son and Sir Peter Tizard, representing the British Paediatric Association, gave addresses.

Among those present were:

Mrs Franklin (widow), Mr and Mrs David Trotter (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Tim Bale (daughter), Edmund and Amelia Trotter (grandchildren), the Rev A M and Mrs Cardale (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr Mark Cardale.

Lord Renwick, Irene, Lady Grenfell, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Reay (president, paediatric section, Royal Society of Medicine) and Lady Reay, Lady Tizard, Professor and the Hon Mrs Charles Fletcher, Mr Frank Field, MP, Professor Helen Tanssig, Group Captain and Mrs Tony Trotter, Miss Hilary Bale, Dr A M Dawson (Royal College of Physicians), Dr Alex Sakula (Osler Club of London), Professor O H Wolff (Institute of Child Health), Dr H P Ferreira (Queen Charlotte's Hospital), Dr Joan Ferreira, Mr and Mrs Alec Badanoch, Dr T D Whittet, Dr Isabel Smith.

Mr J M W Newman (British Dyslexia Association), Mrs R Fisher (Dyslexia Institute), Dr Esther Simpson, Professor Peter Daniel, Mr and Mrs J H Dobree, Mrs J Dudgeon, Professor James Malpas, Dr Wilfrid Oakley, Professor Trevor Silverstone, Dr Kenneth Hartley (Chip Decennial Club of St Bartholomew's Hospital) and Mrs Hartley, Mr Alan Haedrup (Old Epsomian Club), Dr and Mrs A A Feisenberger, Mr James Feisenberger, Miss M Mitchell (representing the staff, Royal Society of Medicine), Mr G D Bevir, Dr Isabel Smith, Dr Christina Cooper, Mrs Vernon Thompson, Mr Martin Birnstingl (Medical Council), Mr L C Smith (Attendance Allowance Board), Dr J F Morris, Dr Timothy Chambers, Dr Peter Story, Miss G Henry and Lieutenant-Colonel S Pope.

Birthdays today

Mr Jack Ashley, CH, MP, 62; Mr David Brubeck, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cadell, 55; Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, 60; the Earl of Dundonald, 66; Lord Emslie, 65; Earl Granville, 66; Miss Jill Hammersley, 33; Sir Denis Hamilton, 66; Mr Derek Hill, 68; Mr R. E. B. Lloyd, 56; Sir William Keswick, 81; the Right Rev Professor E. A. J. Mercer, 67; Mr George Pinker, 60; Professor Sir George Porter, 64; Mr Reginald Stacey, 83; Mr J. D. Trustram Eve, 87; Dr B. Thwaites, 61; Mr Charles Vance, 55; Mr Cyril Washbrook, 70.

A memorial service for Sir John Lang will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields at noon today.

A memorial requiem for Lady Acland will be celebrated at Farm Street Church at 3 today.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Mosslea Road, Penge East, London, SE20, will be consecrated by the Archbishop of Caer-Glow on Saturday, December 8, at 3 o'clock, during the celebration of the Latin Tridentine Mass. Inquiries should be made to 01-778 3317.

The following additional candidate passed the Law Society's 1984 Summer Final Examination: Mr Richard Rowles, of Newbury.

Science report

Chinese fish farms transform waste into riches

By David Nicholson-Lord

Farm slurry, human waste and left-overs from food processing are treated in Britain as polluting rubbish, to be dumped, buried or piped away out of sight. In China they provide the food source for a flourishing network of fishponds.

Chinese fish-farmers have 3,000 years of experience behind them. Simply by looking at the colour of the water in a pond, they can tell whether it has the right nutrient mix – "fresh brown" is best. But massive population growth has lent extra urgency to ancient systems of aquaculture.

Based on the motto "transform wastes into riches", so-called "integrated farms", practising fish culture as only one of several types of farming, have achieved remarkable yields as well as exploiting a wide range of "waste" products.

Some of these products are manures from other animals kept on the farm. In the West, these would escape into drains and streams, leading to pollution, or eutrophication – such as algal blooms, deoxygenation and loss of fish life caused by the richness of the nutrients in the manure.

In the integrated farms, however, the manures – from pigs, ducks, geese, chickens, cows and sheep – are fed into the pond to produce plankton. Or they provide the fuel for anaerobic digesters producing methane: the nitrogen-rich residues are used as pond fertilizers.

But the cycle is extended further. The pond-bottom humus is later employed to fertilize crops grown on adjacent dykes. These include, as well as vegetables, sugar cane and bananas for humans, green fodder and grains – for the fish.

Other "wastes" used in aquaculture range from human sewage, wine processing dregs, wheat and rice chaff and cotton or rapeseed meal to silkworm droppings.

Sericulture – the cultivation of silkworms – is a good example of the artificial symbiosis perfected by the fish-farmers. The mulberry plants, the worms' chief source of fodder, are grown on the dykes and fertilized by the pond-bottom humus. Worm droppings and waste water from cocoon processing help to fertilize ponds. Some silkworm pupae, in turn, are fed to fish.

The best use of available nutrients is achieved by "polyculture", rather than the monoculture characteristic of Western food production. Up to nine species of fish, from bottom-feeding mud carp to the black carp, which eats snails, are kept in the same pond.

The results are exceptional, according to Mr Ronald D. Zweig, director of aquatic studies at the United States' New Alchemy Institute, who recently spent a year in China studying fish-farming as a government adviser. Annual yields of 13,000 kilogrammes per hectare have been achieved, compared with 3,000 kilogrammes on non-intergrated American catfish farms using costly fishmeal-based feeds.

Overall, China produces about a million tonnes of freshwater fish a year, a tenth of world output. Most of this comes from the Yangtze and Pearl River areas, where habitats are created to encourage fish breeding. Half of the Chinese output comes from aquaculture.

The fish-farmers analyse their nutrient cycles with extraordinary care, Mr Zweig says. One study in Jiangsu province showed that 100 kilogrammes of pig manure put directly into a pond generated plankton which produced two kilogrammes of bighead carp.

But if the same amount of manure is used to fertilize rye-grass on pond dykes, the resulting green fodder produces two kilogrammes of grass carp plus another 1.2 kilogrammes of bighead and silver carp and African tilapia: an increase of 60 per cent. This is because the plankton generated from the grass carp's body wastes feed the other fish.

Fish fed on human and animal wastes may carry health risks. Hence the fish and the pondwater are checked carefully and regularly.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has established four aquaculture research centres in the Asian-Pacific region and is studying the Chinese fish-farming techniques to see how they could be transferred to other countries. One of its difficulties is that so much depends on intuition and experience.

When fish gasp at the pond's surface, for example, aeration, fresh water of a reduction in nutrients are required. Similarly, the correct transparency of the water is checked by immersing one's forearm to the elbow with the hand cocked at right-angles: if the hand disappears, the fertility is right. But how, the UN would like to know, does one measure "fresh brown"?

Ceres, FAO Review on Agriculture and Development, vol 17, No. 4, pp 22-27.

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Steward's wife not an employee

Peterborough Labour Social Club v Monoghan

Before Mr Justice Waite, Mr J. P. M. Bell and Mr T. H. Jenkins

[Judgment delivered November 21]

A contract of employment under which an employee was paid a weekly wage "inclusive of the services of his wife" did not make the wife a party to the contract and thus an employee for the purpose of awarding compensation for unfair dismissal. The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held in dismissing an appeal from a decision of a Cambridge industrial tribunal.

Mr Paul Leigh-Morgan for the employer; Mr John Goldring for the employee.

MR JUSTICE WAITE said that the employee was employed as a steward by a somewhat unusual written contract of employment under the terms of which he was paid a sum weekly "inclusive of the services of his wife". Although the husband alone was a contracting party it was the practice of the employer on each pay day to pay the contractual wage as to two thirds to the husband and as to one third to the wife in proportion to the work performed by each.

On the adjudication of the husband's dismissal as unfair, the industrial tribunal, in deciding what was the unit of wage to be used in the calculation of the basic award, had taken the whole sum payable under the contract on the footing that the husband was the sole employee to be considered.

They had rejected the argument that this was a joint employment case in which the wife was never a claimant and that the tribunal having no jurisdiction to award compensation to her, the husband's award should be reduced by one third.

That view was entirely open to them in law. The question of what were the terms of the contract of employment, who was the employer and who the employee was a question of fact for the industrial tribunal to determine.

It might be unusual and contrary to the freedoms cherished in these times for a husband to be bargaining for the services of his wife, but it was not impossible and not as harsh as it might at first sight appear.

Had disagreement ever broken out between Mr and Mrs Monoghan the law of contract would have been available to protect her rights as a subcontractor or, if not, the law of trusts would have reached out to protect her interest in the wages earned by her husband.

Solicitors: R. F. Rigby & Co, Peterborough; Greenwoods, Peterborough.

Whether roadway public

Blackmore v Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall

Whether a roadway fell within the definition of a road or other public place, being a requirement of the offence under section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, was essentially a question of fact for the justices whether the public in general had access to the road: *Cox v White (Note)* ([1976] RTR 248); and where the evidence before the justices was to the effect that there were substantial businesses with premises on the road and no restriction on the public in general coming to those businesses that was sufficient to show that the public did have access, the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough) held on November 22 dismissing the defendant's appeal against conviction by Bideford Justices on April 10, 1984.

Change in youth custody sentences sought

Regina v Dhariwal

The Lord Chief Justice expressed the hope that the law relating to sentences of youth custody would soon be altered to enable them to be suspended in whole or in part.

His Lordship, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Otton on November 30, was giving judgment dismissing an appeal by Harjit Singh Dhariwal, aged 20, of Badminton Close, Cambridge, against a sentence of 12 months' youth custody imposed at Cambridge Crown Court (Judge Colston, QC) where he had been committed for sentence for offences of possessing, possessing with intent to supply and supplying cannabis resin.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that on a previous occasion (before Judge Wild) a purported sentence on the appellant of youth custody suspended for two years was substituted by a binding over for two years to come up for judgment if called upon.

Justice impeded by prolixity in advocacy

Regina v Cox
Regina v Mead

The administration of justice was being impeded by overlong trials and public funds were being wasted. Fashions in advocacy changed, and in the last 30 years there had been a change from conciseness to prolixity. There must be a change back, and quickly.

Lord Justice Lawton (sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Cantley and Sir John Thompson) so stated on November 30, when dismissing appeals against conviction and sentence at Northampton Crown Court (Judge Gosling) after a four-month fraud trial.

HIS LORDSHIP said that one of the questions in this appeal was whether the jury were so overburdened with detailed evidence, the long speeches of counsel, the judge's summing up (which went on for five days), the length of the trial (82 working days) and the conditions in which they sat, that they could not return a satisfactory verdict.

The trial had cost the public £314,800 in legal fees, jury and witness expenses and the renting of the courtroom. Their Lordships could not see the need for long openings or long closing speeches by counsel, or long summings up.

The jury must have suffered long periods of boredom; but they did get from the judge clear and concise directions as to what the issues and offences were, and those directions would not have been obliterated by the mass of detail in the summing up. The verdicts could not be adjudged to have been unsatisfactory.

OBITUARY

MR MICHAEL STANDING

Light entertainment on radio

Mr Michael Standing CBE, who died on December 1 aged 74, was Controller of Programme Organisation (sound) at the BBC from 1957 to 1970, and before that, as Director of Variety, was responsible for some of the most memorable light programmes in the heyday of radio.

The son of Sir Guy and Lady Standing, he saw little of his father because the film actor spent most of his time in Hollywood. He left Charterhouse at 17 to join Barings Bank, but after eight years in banking he ached to spread his wings beyond the financial world, and in 1935 he took a post with the BBC.

He soon became well known as an all-round commentator. On Saturday evenings, as part of the highly popular programme *In Town Tonight*, he took his microphone out onto the London streets with a live item called "Standing on the Corner", in which he engaged passers-by in lively and intelligent conversation – often much to their surprise.

This sort of thing was a great innovation for the highly cautious BBC of those days, which normally avoided all spontaneous talk, but Standing had the quickness of mind, and the ability, to pull off such interviews successfully and make something worthwhile out of them.

In 1940 he became Director of Outside Broadcasts. He was never of robust health, and had been rejected for military service. Nevertheless he became a war correspondent for the BBC, working with the Royal Navy, and recordings of his vivid descriptions of the D-Day landings are still preserved in the BBC's archives.

With the end of the war, his career took an unexpected turn. The BBC badly needed a man of quality to head the variety side of its output; and although Standing had no experience whatever in the light entertainment world he accepted the post of Director of Variety.

For the next seven years, often spoken of as the golden years of Radio, the department under Standing's direction produced a dazzling succession of programmes which did much to provide relaxation and pleasure for the nation in lean times. Standing had as many as a dozen top-line shows on the air, attracting huge audiences and wide acclaim, week after week, among them such well remembered series as *Merry-go-round*, *Ignorance is Bliss*, *Navy Mixture*, *Twenty Questions*, *Much Binding in the Marsh*, *Take it From Here*, and *Ray's a Laugh*.

In 1952 Standing was promoted to Controller Sound Entertainment, becoming Controller of Programme Organisation (sound) in 1957. This key position may have lacked the glamour of his earlier appointments, but he moved into it with zest, and with powerful effect. He was a skilled but extremely fair negotiator in dealings with unions and other interested bodies, and was highly respected on the other side of the table.

His appointment as CBE in 1959 was exceptionally well merited. He did much, in its formative years, to provide good leadership in the BBC, and to develop and maintain the best of its traditions.

His marriage to Jean Dawson in 1947 brought him very great happiness. She now survives him, with one son and two daughters.

LIM YEW HOCK

Lim Yew Hock, who led the all-party delegation which gained internal self-government for Singapore and who served as its second Chief Minister from 1956, died in Saudi Arabia on November 30, aged 70.

As a boy in Singapore he won a scholarship to the renowned Raffles Institution, but had to abandon plans to study in Britain when his father died. He made his way into politics through trade unionism, being appointed a member of the legislative council representing trade unions in 1948.

A year later he joined the Labour Party but remained president of the Trade Union Congress until 1955 when he was invited to join the Government of David Marshall, Singapore's first Chief Minister.

When Marshall resigned in 1956, having failed to win full independence, Lim was asked to form a government. He resumed the negotiations with Britain, but with the limited objective of self-government, which was gained through the Singapore Constitutional Conference at Lancaster House in 1957.

Lim's administration was notable for its suppression of the Communist and anti-colonial movements, actions which alienated sections of the Chinese-speaking population. In 1959 his Singapore People's Alliance was soundly defeated by Mr Lee Kuan Yew's People's Action Party, which has been in power in Singapore since.

While in opposition, Lim maintained close links with the Malayan Federation and had the title Tun bestowed upon him, but his interest in politics had waned and he retired in 1963.

The following year he was appointed Malaysian High Commissioner to Australia, but his office in Canberra was touched by scandal when he went missing for nine days in 1965. Questions were raised in the Malaysian Parliament and he was recalled.

In his later years he converted to Islam and adopted the name Haji Omar Lim Yew Hock. He moved to Jeddah where he was associated with the World Islamic Development Bank.

PROFESSOR E. G. FORBES

Professor E. G. Forbes, Professor of the History of Science at the University of Edinburgh since 1978, died at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh on November 21. He was 51, and had been ill with heart trouble.

Born at St Andrews on March 30, 1933, Eric Forbes was educated at Madras College, St Andrews and St Andrews University. Despite the death of his father and his need to seek part-time employment he was able to graduate a year early with First Class Honours in Astronomy.

He then worked for three years in observatories in Florence and Göttingen and completed his PhD at St Andrews on "The Problem of the Solar Red Shifts". From 1961 to 1965 he was a lecturer in physics and mathematics at St Mary's College, Twickenham.

In 1965 he was awarded an MSc in the History and Philosophy of Science from University College, London and his PhD (London) was for a thesis on Tobias Mayer's contribution to astronomy.

Forbes was successively Lecturer in the History of Science at Edinburgh University, Senior Lecturer, Reader and then, in 1978 appointed to a personal professorship.

From 1970 to 1975 he was sub-editor of the *Journal for the History of Astronomy*. In 1975 he was Secretary of the XV International Congress of the History of Science and he served on numerous bodies, both national and international.

Eric Forbes produced more than ten books and numerous pamphlets, articles and essays. He was noted for his six books on the life, works and correspondence of Tobias Mayer, on whom he was undoubtedly the world expert. He wrote the first volume of the history of Greenwich Observatory in 1975, editing *The Gresham Lectures of John Flamsteed* (1975), and writing *The Birth of Navigational Science* (1974).

His scholarship was recognised throughout the world. Recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Forbes had long been a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Maria, a son, and a daughter.

REV WALTER BOULTON

A friend writes:

The Rev Walter Boulton, who died peacefully at his retirement home in Lindfield, Sussex on November 27, was the last Provost of Guildford and one of the ablest preachers and thinkers of his generation. Born in Staffordshire in 1901, he was an Exhibitioner of Balliol College and trained for the ministry at Cuddesdon. After a curacy at St Mark's, Leeds, he went to India in 1927, where he served a varied ministry in Calcutta and Assam for some 20 years. He was senior chaplain and a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, throughout the Second World War.

Returning to England in 1947 he became Vicar of Fleet in Hampshire and in 1951 was appointed Provost of Guildford and Rector of Holy Trinity with St Mary's. It was then that the building of the new Cathedral really got going again, after the war years, but this was only one of the many tasks facing him during the next ten years.

A creative thinker and gifted preacher, he was determined to make the Christian faith an active force in the daily life of a modern world. A network of study groups which he established to discuss Marxism and its threat to Christianity was only one sphere of the many-sided activities flowing from his fertile mind.

His outspokenness and criticism of any subterfuge or cant did not endear him to some members of the Establishment, for their ways were not his. When the new Cathedral was consecrated in 1961 he was not appointed as the first Dean, and he repaired to a country living.

Working in and with people was his forte, and all were bidden constantly to reflect on and to radiate the Love of God. An all-round sportsman and fine musician with an acute ear, he was both an inspiring leader and a wise counsellor. He leaves a widow, six children and a large number of grandchildren, on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Are the critics of ratecapping left-wing extremists?



When the new ratecapping laws were put before parliament, thirteen government MPs voted against their own party, including a former prime minister. Many abstained, including a former foreign secretary.

The Tory controlled council in Portsmouth are also among the most vigorous opponents of ratecapping.

In fact, the critics of ratecapping are drawn from all political parties. They also include distinguished academics, doctors and at least one senior police official. People who normally don't speak out on matters of exclusively party political concern.

Their chief objections are that ratecapping is undemocratic, unfair and fundamentally inefficient.

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Ratecapping is unfair because some of the biggest overspenders in the country (judged by Whitehall's own figures) won't get ratecapped.

But five of the poorest boroughs in the country will.

Even though their needs are clearly greater, and despite the fact that their spending plans are often comparatively modest.

Ratecapping is inefficient because the figures Whitehall uses to judge local needs are inadequate and out of date (according to the government's own Audit Commission Report).

And in any case, it is impossible for a remote bureaucracy in Whitehall to make meaningful judgements about the needs of local communities.

Local government finance is complex, and in need of reform. Ratecapping will make matters worse.

That's why thoughtful people from all parties and all walks of life have opposed the new laws.

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Ratecapping makes no sense.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Unilever's 45 lead the pensioners' revolt

The sight of the high-principled Sir Keith Joseph bending in the gale of Conservative backbench rage against reduced student grants and increased parental contributions has put pension lobbyists in great heart. If Sir Keith and, more significantly, the Prime Minister, have been howled down over middle class education costs, would Mrs Thatcher and her Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, now contemplate an assault on pensions – an issue closer to more Conservative voting pockets than education?

Rightly or wrongly, the belief is widely held that the Treasury, in pursuit of extra revenue and a more neutral tax treatment of savings is planning to attack private pensions. The loins of insurance companies, which in this year's Budget lost the tax concession on life assurance premiums, are girded, their missiles already targeted on Westminster. But the gloomy awareness of impending change is much deeper than the insurance companies. Calculating members of occupational pension schemes, in particular those who have most to lose if the right to untaxed lump sums on retirement is taken away, are actively pressing to be allowed to retire not later than February, that is, before Mr Lawson does anything nasty in his spring Budget.

In one leading company alone, Unilever, 45 senior people at or above 55, the qualifying age, have expressed a wish to retire before the Budget. As they are in the high salary ranges they stand to lose between £50,000 and £100,000 each if the right to commutation is withdrawn.

There are three issues here. Potential losses of this order, most of us would agree, are too high a personal contribution to make to the cause of Conservative tax reform. Second, whatever the strict merits may be of not permitting tax free sums to be taken out on retirement, the fact is that financial planning for retirement is normally done on the basis of an expected initial lump sum. If that expectation were shattered, feelings would undoubtedly run high. Mrs Thatcher would be accused again of biting the hands that feed her majority.

The third issue is the damage that might be done if there is an exodus of over 55s from key positions in business. Even those who take the view that British industry would benefit from severe pruning in the higher managerial reaches might think that an indiscriminate wave of early retirements would be too much of a good thing.

Damning verdict for Warburg

Mr Justice Vinelott, one of the country's most acute judges in matters corporate, made a pronouncement of far-reaching importance this week when he delivered his damning verdict on the attempt by Currys and Scottish Amicable Nominees to thwart the legitimately-won battle by Dixons to take over Currys. Aside from the heartache and worry imposed on Dixons' board and their advisers from Morgan Grenfell, the injunction was dismissed as "fanciful", "flimsy" and "ill-conceived", words which will ring in the ears of the corporate finance executives of S. G. Warburg for some time.

Warburg was the adviser to Currys. Its reputation in merchant banking circles has been distressingly damaged, when it is concerned to establish itself as the central pillar of a four-way merger with Rowe & Pitman, Akroyd & Smithers, and Mullens & Co. It is an unfortunate coincidence that Warburg has this year suffered two take-over defeats at the hands of Morgan Grenfell, but that has only served to underline its temporary lack of touch.

The case raises wider questions. There has been a disturbing tendency for a growing number of City disputes to reach the courts, some with more publicity than others. This is likely to increase with the advent of the regulatory structure for the financial services industry proposed by the Govetnmemt.

Some will argue that this will have the virtue of exposing the City's backstairs dealings to the glare of public examination.

In the long run, such a trend will have a corrosive effect on confidence if, at the end of every negotiation, there is the possibility of the parties ending up in court. Apart from anything else, it will be a lawyers' gala and expand the length of contracts to intolerable proportions.

Johnson Matthey faces long haul

Johnson Matthey's extraordinary meeting to approve the £25m capital injection and increase in borrowing powers gets off to an early start at 9.30 this morning. As this column has advised before, shareholders should clearly vote in favour of the capital injection. If this resolution failed it would jeopardize the credit lines agreed by the group's bankers and Johnson Matthey's future would then be even more uncertain. Deciding whether to take up rights to the convertible preference share issue is a tougher question.

At yesterday's price of 71p, the opportunity to subscribe for new shares at the equivalent of 56p looks attractive. But shareholders who opt for this course should do so with their eyes open. For all the technical expertise it embraces, Johnson Matthey's recovery and financial restructuring will be a long haul and the directors have been unable to rule out the possibility of further big provisions.

The other big uncertainty is BP. Although it paid more than £1 a share for its 3.57 per cent stake and would have to offer as much if it does bid, it may yet be forced to swallow the loss it is sitting on and walk away.

BP appears to be in a Catch 22 position. There is no indication that Charter Consolidated which owns 27.9 per cent of Johnson Matthey, is a willing seller although presumably there s a price it would accept. However BP cannot make a reasoned assessment of Johnson Matthey and start talking figures without access to the platinum marketing and refining contracts between Johnson Matthey and Rustenburg Platinum. Rustenburg and its main shareholders Johannesburg Consolidated appears very reluctant to disclose anything about these contracts.

Mr Gordon Waddell, chairman of both Rustenburg and Johnnies is in London at the moment and it would be surprising if he does not meet at some point with the BP camp. However, given the sensitive information about the highly secret world of platinum pricing, and Rustenburg's marketing strategy which the contracts with Johnson Matthey are likely to contain, there must be doubts whether BP will ever learn much. After all, BP is a customer for platinum as well.

Both Johnnesburg Consolidated and Charter Consolidated are of course connected through the Anglo-American/De Beers web and many are sceptical whether they would ever allow Johnson Matthey and its secrets into the hands of an outsider. One theory is that Charter may eventually bid for the rest of Johnson Matthey, although just at the moment it has more than enough problems on its plate.

GEC launches £90m raid to buy its own shares

By Philip Robinson

GEC launched a £90 million lunchtime raid on its own shares yesterday but failed to find many immediate sellers. Britain's largest electronics group with a £1.6 billion cash mountain said yesterday that it had decided it was more attractive to buy its own shares than invest in government stocks.

This is the first time a company of the size and statue of GEC, headed by Lord Weinstock, has moved to buy its own share since legislation allowed in 1981. It has authority to buy in 250 million shares.

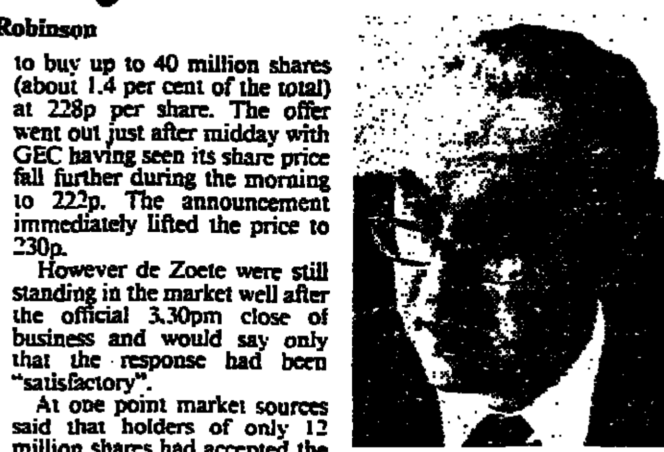
When shareholders' gave their permission in the summer analysts suggested that the company could pay up to 265p per share without penalizing its earnings per share.

GEC yesterday instructed stockbroker de Zoete & Bevan to buy up to 40 million shares (about 1.4 per cent of the total) at 228p per share. The offer went out just after midday with GEC having seen its share price fall further during the morning to 222p. The announcement immediately lifted the price to 230p.

However de Zoete were still standing in the market well after the official 3.30pm close of business and would say only that the response had been "satisfactory".

At one point market sources said that holders of only 12 million shares had accepted the offer. However the figure climbed to 25 millon by about 5.30pm. GEC is due to make an announcement of the level at noon today.

The move caused at least one investment analyst to change his recommendation on the shares last night. He said: "I was going to recommend that institutions should not get overloaded with GEC and sell on any strength. But with this, the performance should be fairly strong in the short term and should be held."


Lord Weinstock: GEC shares more attractive than gilts

However, one investment fund manager of an insurance group holding about 2 per cent of GEC, worth £126 million, said: "I didn't find the price particularly attractive."

Mr Tom Heyes, investment manager of the ICI pension fund said: "There is logic in the GEC route. If a company honestly feels it cannot invest money to earn a better rate of return than its existing business then it should give the money back to shareholders in this sort of way. I wish more companies would do the same.

News in the summer that it was taking the power to buy its own shares helped lift the price from a year low of 160p.

On Tuesday, GEC reported a 16 per cent increase in pretax profits for the six months to the end of last September to £332 million.

Full year profits to next March are expected to rise from £671 million to £780 million.

Societies hit by Telecom

Building society net receipts dropped sharply last month to £400 million from the record £1.12 billion received in October, according to the Building Societies Association's provisional estimates. Although the intake is half that of November last year it will not affect the societies' view of deposit and mortgage rates.

The figure was affected by an estimated outflow of between £400 million and £500 million during the month as investors withdrew funds to pay for British Telecom shares. The societies now expect that this month's receipts will increase as investors who did not receive their full Telecom share allocation return surplus funds. Many investors are likely to sell their Telecom shares early and return the proceeds to building societies.

Mortgage demand, at about £2 billion last month remained strong.

Avon ahead

Avon Rubber, the tyres and industrial products group, has increased pretax profits for the year to September 29 to £3.5 million, up from £2.3 million and ahead of the forecast made at the time of the rights issue. Turnover rose from £171.8 million to £180 million. The final dividend to 3p makes 5p for the year, as forecast against 3p last time. Tempus, page 24

Three resign

Guinness Peat confirmed yesterday that three non-executive directors of its banking subsidiary, Guinness Mahon, had resigned, after the decision to integrate more closely the activities of the bank and holding company. The three are Mr W. L. S. Guinness, and Mr J. E. Nunez and Mr Mark Hoffman, who stays a non-executive director of the parent board. Mr Albert Frost has resigned as chairman of the bank and Mr Richard Fenhalls, chief executive, is leaving at the end of the year.

Hungary loan

The National Bank of Hungary signed a $300 million loan in London yesterday with a syndicate of 29 banks. The loan has a $218 million (£178 million) multicurrency tranche and a 107.5 million European Currency Unit tranche, the first ECU borrowing by Hungary. The loan brings Hungary's gross borrowing to about $2 billion this year. The year-end hard currency debt is put at $4 billion.

Ship sales

BP Shipping plans to sell two of its very large crude carriers (VLCs) now used as "mother ships" to 26 vessels in BP's ship-care service in Brunei Bay. The British Progress and the British Purpose, both 228,000 deadweight tons, have been in lay-up since 1978.

Investment managers resign

By William Kay, City Editor

Two of the financial world's leading investment managers have unexpectedly resigned. They are Mr Hugh Jenkins, aged 51, the director of superannuation investments at the National Coal Board, and Mr Stuart Goldsmith, aged 39, investment director of Britannia Arrow Holdings and managing director of the Britannia Group of Investment Companies, a significant force in the unit trust industry.

Both go with the good wishes of their employers, and neither has any firm plans for the future.

Mr Jenkins said he intends to enter the private sector and apparently has a new oppotunity in the melting pot. He added: "I will make that known in the very near future, when I have got all the loose ends tied up."

Mr Jenkins has been with the NCB for 22 years, and has been responsible for what became the third biggest pension fund in the country in the wake of the pay rises awarded to the miners in the 1970s.

He explained that he had wanted to move as he approached 50 years of age, but had to wait while Mr Arthur Scargill's court case against the fund was heard.

Mr Goldsmith has been at Britannia for 13 years, since it was the unit trust arm of Slater Walker Securities. He said: "I have decided to step back a little and see what's around." He denied he was joining forces with Mr Jenkins.

Hugh Jenkins: entering the private sector

Shares in Dunlop Holdings suspended

By Ian Griffiths

Shares in Dunlop Holdings were suspended last night in preparation for an announcement of the agreed capital reconstruction package.

The target date is still December 19, when shareholders will learn of a dilution in their equity investment of up to 90 per cent.

The main reason for the share suspension is that the details of the reconstruction package will be circulated among the 47 banks supporting the tyre and industrial products group, which is crippled with debts of around £380 million.

Negotiations have so far been carried out by an advisory group of six bankers

Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman, believed to be visiting South Africa, but he intends to write to shareholders on his return to explain the reasons for the suspension and to prepare the way for the announcement of the reconstruction package.

A cancellation of existing shares with investors being offered one for 10 of the new capital is expected to result. The group also to raise £70 million of new money from existing shareholders and the institutions. A further £70 million of the bank's debt will be converted to equity and the group is expected to contribute around £100 million by way of asset disposals.

Fraser Foundation sells

By Our City Staff

The Fraser Foundtion has sold its entire stake in the House of Fraser stores group which owns Harrods. The 1.6 million shares are believed to have been bought by Lonrho, the international mining casino and hotels group.

The purchase alone would bring Lonrho's new holding in Fraser to just under 4.9 per cent. Stock market rumours suggest that the group, headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland has bought more than just the Fraser Foundation stake.

An announcement is expected later this week. Under company law a public annoucement must be made on all shareholdings above the 5 per cent level.

A month ago, the family trusts sold 1.4 million shares. Sir Hugh Fraser was shown to have sold substantially. The Fraser Foundation has now sold its stake, but other family trusts retain some shares. The trusts' declared investment policy is to sell them all.

At the time of the trusts' sale, Lonrho stunned the financial community when it bought seven million House of Fraser shares within days of selling more than 46 million shares (29.9 per cent of the total) to the Alfayed Investment and Trust company.

Lonrho refuses to comment on its share buying. It had already sold 1 million of its new holding, giving it 6 million shares.

Currys to recommend Dixons bid

By Cliff Feltham

The Curry family, which controls Currys, the electrical retailer, was last night preparing to throw in the towel and advise shareholders to accept the £248 million takeover bid from its rival, Dixons, after Tuesday's High Court ruling allowing Dixons to declare its offer unconditional.

Mr Stanley Kalms, Dixon's chairman, after the two month battle in the city and the High Court decision said: "There are no hard feelings as far as I am concerned and it is possible some of the Curry family will be staying on in the business in various capacities".

Mr Kalms, who admitted there were times during the two-day hearing when he felt "less sure about the outcome" said: "Now it is all over I do not know what to do with myself. I have left the troops to handle it all now. But we are all committed to the future of the group. I am very confident about it".

Dixons, after a clean bill of health from the Takeover Panel, was able to declare its bid unconditional with 52.3 per cent acceptances. The Curry family speaks for about 35 per cent.

Currys, which yesterday issued a statement explaining why it had sought an injunction preventing Dixons from claiming victory last Friday, said that "against the background of confusion" which arose at the time it considered it to be in the best interests of shareholders that the position "be frozen until the true facts emerged".

Charter may act on Cape loss

By Jeremy Warner

Charter Consolidated, the mining finance house, may be forced to support a capital reconstruction of its 67 per cent owned building products and automotive components offshoot, Cape Industries.

Cape yesterday announced that it had recorded an attributable loss of £33.2 million in the nine months to the end of last September after making provisions against closures and write-offs of £27 million. The effect has been to more than halve the group's capital base.

It is the second time in just over two months that a company associated with Charter has run into deep trouble. At the beginning of October a rescue package in which Charter is participating, had to be arranged for Johnson Matthey plc after huge bad debts were discovered in its banking offshoot.

Cape said that it continued to have the support of its principle bankers and that discussions were taking place to decide on the level of additional capital that may be necessary to ensure the continued development of the company's main businesses. Charter confirmed that it would support any such capital raising exercise.

The £27 million of provisions relate mainly to the cost of closing the company's glass wool insulation plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear with the loss of 400 jobs.

The group is also closing its metal cladding operation at Watford, Hertfordshire.

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£130,000 stolen from 'Bancomat'

Milan police yesterday arrested two men in connection with the most sophisticated crime ever mounted against Italy's banking system, a simultaneous theft from about 1,000 automatic Bancomat cash dispenser points.

Italian banks are proud of Bancomat, which enables account holders at 360 different banks to draw cash from each other's street dispensers with the help of a magnetized plastic card and a secret number.

The withdrawals were all made from the account of an anonymous customer in Milan. The total removed was over 300 million lire (£130,000).

£4.5m John Brown loss

By Our City Staff

John Brown, the ailing engineering company, continues to make losses, but it is winning the battle to return to profit. It reported a loss before tax of £4.5 million – half of what it was a year ago.

The group is making progress in implementing the corporate plan, introduced in January to pave the way for recovery, but attempts to reduce borrowings of around £110 million were thwarted in the first half by the weakness of sterling.

Mr Allan Gormly, group managing director, estimated that around £10 million had been added to total debts on conversion of dollar loans.

He said that negotiations for the sale of the US Olofsson subsidiary were at an advanced stage and was hopeful that a deal could be concluded early next year. The sale should realize about $25 million.

Trading conditions throughout the group's main activities remained competitive but John Brown was able to report improved performances from most divisions.

Interest charges rose to £7 million in the first half, so it is unlikely the group will return to the black in the full year, although some further reduction in losses is expected.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Index	914.9 (−2.6)
FT Gilts	83.66(+0.08)
FT All Share	567.87(−0.95)
FT-SE 100	1183.4(−0.40)
Datastream USM	106.15(−0.12)
New York	
Dow Jones	1175.24 (−9.83)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	11,543.19(−34.25)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1136.08(+10.68)
Amsterdam:	178.9(−0.1)
Sidney: AO	737.7(as)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1102.8(+0.1)
Brussels:	
General	158.52(+0.56)
Paris: CAC	182.5(+0.9)
Zurich:	
SKA General	317.90(+2.00)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $330.55pm-$329.90
close $330.50-$331 £273.50−£274
New York:
Comex (latest) $329.95

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Osceola	125 +30
North British Steel	9 +2
Beauford Gp	71 +14
Burgess	84 +16
Eglinton	55 +10
Howard & Wyndham	4½ + ½
Checkpoint	185 +35
Cliffords Dry	138 +15
Marlevale	238 +28
Hallwood Gp	92 +9
Early	53 +8
Bryson Oil	100 +10
Canvermoor	88 +8
Applied Botanics	6 + ½
FALLS:	
Wm Jacks	2 − ½
Cape Ind	47 −9
Reed Stebhouse	£10⅝ −£1⅞
Barbican Holdgs	3⅛ − ½
Ass Brit Eng	10½ −1½
LOFs	3¾ − ½
Atkins Bros	102 −12
Body Shop	415 −40
Foster Bros	128 −12
Palma Group	37 −3
Lifecare NP	11 −1

CURRENCIES

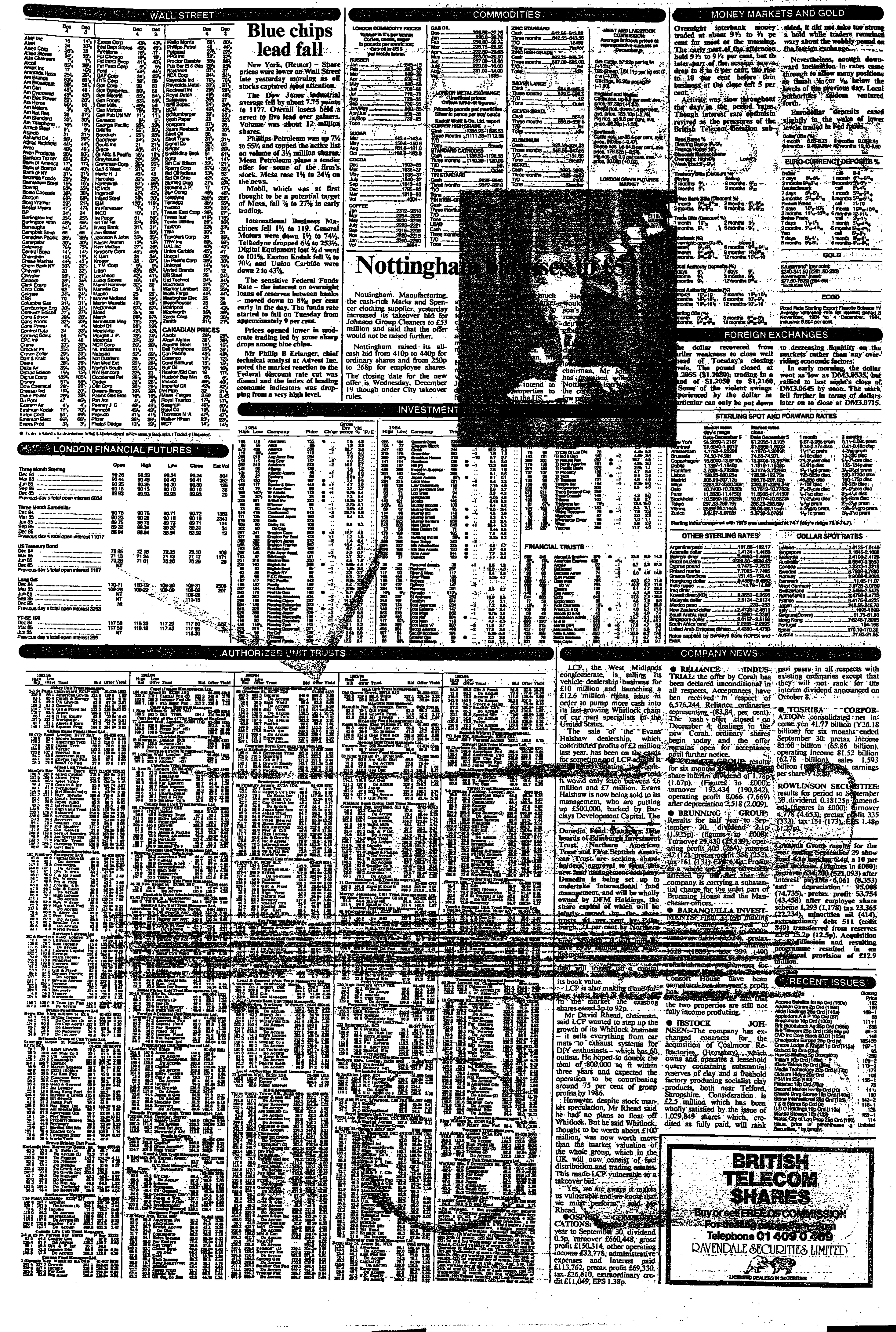
London: Close
£: $1.2055 down 25pts
£: DM 3.72 (+0.0175)
£: SwFr 3.0760 (+0.0160)
£: FFr 11.4050 (+0.0775)
£: Yen 298.18 (+0.43)
£ Index: 74.7 (unchanged)

New York (close)
£: $1.2052
$: DM 3.0797
$ Index: 142.4 (+0.2)

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 9¾−9½
3-month Interbank 9²⁵⁄₃₂−9¹¹⁄₁₆
3-month eligible bills 9⅛−9³⁄₃₂
buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 11.25−11.50
Federal Funds 8⅛
3-month Treasury Bills 8.47−8.43
Long bond 102⁵⁄₃₂−102⁷⁄₃₂: yield



WALL STREET

	Dec 4	Dec 3		Dec 4	Dec 3		Dec 4	Dec 3
Digital Equip	102¾	102¾	Occidental Pet	28⅞	29⅛	Hudson Bay Min	6⅞	6¾
Disney	57⅞	58⅞	Ogden	26⅞	26⅞	Imasco	48⅞	48½
Dow Chemical	28½	28½	Olin Corp	30½	29⅞	Imperial Oil	42⅞	42¼
Dresser Ind	19⅞	20⅛	Owens-Illinois	39¾	39¾	Int Pipe	32	31⅞
Duke Power	28¾	28¾	Pacific Gas Elec	16⅞	16⅞	Mass -Fergsn	3.60	3.45
Du Pont	47	46⅞	Pan Am	4¼	4⅜	Royal Trustco	17⅞	17⅛
Eastern Air	4⅛	4⅛	Penney J C	49½	49⅛	Seagram	49⅞	50⅛
Eastman Kodak	71⅛	70⅛	Pennzoil	43⅞	43⅞	Steel Co	19¾	19⅞
Eaton Corp	50¼	49¾	Pepsico	41⅞	41⅞	Thomson N 'A'	47¾	47⅞
Emerson Elect	66¼	66½	Pfizer	38½	38½	Walker Hiram	23½	23⅞
Evans Prod	3⅞	3½	Phelps Dodge	13⅛	13½	WCT	14½	14½

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Blue chips lead fall

New York, (Reuter) – Share prices were lower on Wall Street late yesterday morning as oil stocks captured most attention.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell by about 7.75 points to 1177. Overall losers held a seven to five lead over gainers. Volume was about 12 million shares.

Phillips Petroleum was up 7¼ to 55¼ and topped the actice list on volume of 3⅓ million shares. Mesa Petroleum plans a tender offer for some of the firm's stock. Mesa rose 1⅛ to 24⅛ on the news.

Mobil, which was at first thought to be a potential target of Mesa, fell ⅞ to 27⅝ in early trading.

International Business Machines fell 1¼ to 119. General Motors were down 1½ to 74½. Telkedyne dropped 6⅛ to 253½. Digital Equipment lost ¾ d went to 101⅝. Easton Kodak fell ⅞ to 70¼ and Union Carbide were down 2 to 43⅞.

The sensitive Federal Funds Rate – the interest on overnight loans of reserves between banks – moved down to 8³⁄₁₆ per cent early in the day. The funds rate started to fall on Tuesday from approximately 9 per cent.

Prices opened lower in moderate trading led by some sharp drops among blue chips.

Mr Philip B Erlanger, chief technical analyst at Advest Inc. noted the market reaction to the Federal discount rate cut was dismal and the index of leading economic indicators was dropping from a very high level.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 84	90 26	90.23	90.24	90.24	504
Mar 85	90 44	90 45	90 40	90 41	352
Jun 85	90 35	90.35	90 30	90.30	126
Sep 85	90 15	90 15	90 10	90 10	36
Dec 85	89 93	89.93	89.93	89.93	20
Previous day's total open interest 6034					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 84	90 75	90 76	90.71	90.72	1383
Mar 85	90 23	90 28	90 18	90 18	2343
Jun 85	89 75	89 78	89 73	89 71	124
Sep 85	89 32	89.34	89 32	89.31	34
Dec 85	88.94	88.94	88.94	83.92	12
Previous day's total open interest 11017					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 84	72 95	72 16	72.35	72.10	106
Mar 85	71 13	71 24	71 13	71 17	1171
Jun 85	70.26	71 01	70.26	70 29	20
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1167					
Long Gilt					
Dec 84	110-11	110-13	109-30	109-31	2503
Mar 85	109-26	109-22	109-09	109-09	207
Jun 85	NT			108-26	
Sep 85	NT			111-15	
Dec 85	Nt				
Previous day's total open interest 3263					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 84	117 50	118.30	117.20	117 80	302
Mar 85	117 50	118.18	117.40	117 95	39
Jun 85	NT			118.30	
Previous day's total open interest 399					

COMMODITIES

COFFEE	
Jan	2312–2310
Mar	2254–2253
May	2220–2216
July	2223–2221
Sep	2215–2205
Nov	2220–2215
Jan	2210–2200
Vol	2864

Nottingha[illegible]

Nottingham Manufacturing, the cash-rich Marks and Spencer clothing supplier, yesterday increased its takeover bid for Johnson Group Cleaners to £53 million and said that the offer would not be raised further.

Nottingham raised its all-cash bid from 410p to 440p for ordinary shares and from 250p to 268p for employee shares. The closing date for the new offer is Wednesday, December 19 though under City takeover rules.

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INVESTMENT [illegible]

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Overnight interbank money traded at about 9½ to ⅜ pe cent for most ot the morning. The early part of the afternoon held 9½ to 9¼ per cent, but the later part of the session saw a drop to 8 to 6 per cent, the rise to 10 per cent before thin business at the close left 5 per cent.

Activity was slow throughout the day in the period rates. Though interest rate optimism revived as the pressures of the British Telecom flotation subsided, it did not take too strong a hold while traders remained wary about the wobbly pound on the foreign exchange.

Nevertheless, enough downward inclination in rates came through to allow many positions to finish ¹⁄₃₂ or ¹⁄₁₆ below the levels of the previous day. Local authorities seldom ventured forth.

Eurodollar deposits eased slightly in the wake of lower levels traded in Fed funds.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9½-9½
Finance House 10⅝
Discount Market Loans
Overnight: High 9⅝ Low 7½
Week fixed 9¼-9⅜

Krugerrand* (per coin): $340-341.50 (£281.50-283)
Sovereigns* (new): $77.50-78.50 (£64-65)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 7 November, 1984 to 4 December, 1984, inclusive: 9.904 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar recovered from earlier weakness to close well ahead of Tuesday's closing levels. The pound closed at $1.2055 ($1.2080), trading in a band of $1.2050 to $1,2160.

Some of the violent swings experienced by the dollar in particular can only be put down to decreasing liquidity on the markets rather than any overriding economic factors.

In early morning, the dollar went as low as DM3.0535, but rallied to last night's close of DM3.0645 by noon. The mark fell further in terms of dollars later on to close at DM3.0715.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range Date December 5	Market rates close Date December 5	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2050-1.2157	$1.2095-1.2105	0.07-0.05c prem	0.11-0.09c prem
Montreal	$1.5940-1.6010	$1.5986-1.6003	0.14-0.17c disc	0.41-0.48c disc
Amsterdam	4.1753-4.2029fl	4.1970-4.2029fl	1½-1¼c prem	4-3⅝c prem
Brussels	74.50-74.99f	74.88-74.97f	4-10c disc	13-22c disc
Copenhagen	13.3000-13.3710k	13.3408-13.3579k	2⅝-3¼ore disc	6½-7¼ore disc
Dublin	1.1897-1.1940p	1.1918-1.1928p	45.61p disc	135-154p disc
Frankfurt	3.7001-3.7229m	3.7174-3.7229m	1⅝-1¼pf prem	3⅞-3⅝pf prem
Lisbon	198.25-200.25e	198.36-199.73e	195-625e disc	580-1730e disc
Madrid	205.99-207.12p	206.76-207.12p	45-65p disc	150-175p disc
Milan	2285.27-2300.20lr	2292.61-2299.34lr	7-10lr disc	28-31lr disc

OTHER STERLING RATES / DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Hongkong dollar	9.4559–9.4662
India rupee	14.78–14.98
Iraq dinar	na
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3650–0.3690
Malaysia dollar	2.9124–2.9174
Mexico peso	233–253
New Zealand dollar	2.4738–2.4811
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.2990–4.3390
Singapore dollar	2.6157–2.6188
South Africa rand	2.2235–2.2295
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.4350–4.4750

Denmark	11.05-11.07
West Germany	3.0735-3.0750
Switzerland	2.5455-2.5475
Netherlands	3.4750-3.4770
France	9.4175-9.4225
Japan	246.55-246.70
Italy	1896-1898
Belgium(Comm)	61.75-61.80
Hong Kong	7.8245-7.8265
Portugal	164-166
Spain	170.10-170.30
Austria	21.63-21.65

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

COMPANY NEWS

LCP, the West Midlands conglomerate, is selling its vehicle dealership business for £10 million and launching a £12.6 million rights issue in order to pump more cash into its fast-growing Whitlock chain of car part specialists in the United States.

The sale of the Evans Halshaw dealership, which contributed profits of £2 million last year, has been on the cards for sometime and LCP admits it [illegible] it would only fetch between £6 million and £7 million. Evans Halshaw is now being sold to its management, who are putting up £500,000, backed by Barclays Development Capital. The [illegible] deal will trigger off a capital [illegible] its book value.

LCP is also making a one-for-four rights issue [illegible]. In the market the existing shares eased 3p to 92p.

Mr David Rhead, chairman, said LCP wanted to step up the growth of its Whitlock business – it sells everything from car mats to exhaust systems for DIY enthusiasts – which has 60 outlets. He hoped to double the total of 800,000 sq ft within three years and expected the operation to be contributing around 75 per cent of group profits by 1986.

However, despite stock market speculation, Mr Rhead said he had no plans to float off Whitlock. But he said Whitlock, thought to be worth about £100 million, was now worth more than the market valuation of the whole group, which in the UK will now consist of fuel distribution and trading estates. This made LCP vulnerable to a takeover bid.

"Yes, we are aware it makes us vulnerable and we know that we must perform", said Mr Rhead.

● OSPREY COMMUNICATIONS: [illegible] year to September 30, dividend 0.5p, turnover £660,448, gross profit £150,314, other operating income £32,778, administrative expenses and interest paid £113,762, pretax profit £69,330, tax £26,610, extraordinary credit £11,049, EPS 1.38p.

Dunedin Fund Managers: The boards of Edinburgh Investment Trust, Northern American Trust and First Scottish American Trust are seeking shareholders' approval to form this new fund management company. Dunedin is being set up to undertake international fund management, and will be wholly owned by DFM Holdings, the share capital of which will be jointly owned by the three trusts, 61 per cent by Edinburgh, 21 per cent by Northern [illegible] First Scottish. It will initially have £920 million under management.

● RELIANCE INDUSTRIAL: the offer by Corah has been declared unconditional in all respects. Acceptances have ben received in respect of 6,576,244 Reliance ordinaries representing (83.84 per cent). The cash offer closed on December 4, dealings in the new Corah ordinary shares begin today and the offer remains open for acceptance until further notice.

● [illegible] GROUP: results for six months [illegible] share interim dividend of 1.78p (1.67p). (Figures in £000): turnover 193,434 (190,842), operating profit 8,066 (7,669) after depreciation 2,518 (2.009).

● BRUNNING GROUP: Results for half year to September 30, dividend 2.1p (1.925p) (figures in £000): Turnover 29,430 (23,139), operating profit 405 (264), interest 47 (12), pretax profit 358 (252), tax 161 (131) EPS 6.4p. Profits as a whole are being adversely affected by the fact that the company is carrying a subatantial charge for the unlet part of Brunning House and the Manchester offices.

● BARANQUILLA INVESTMENTS: Final 32.69p making [illegible] (same) for year to September 30 (figures in £000): turnover [illegible] (2,524), pretax [illegible] interest [illegible] 1528 (1089), tax 399 (490 [illegible] refurbishment programmes for [illegible] Consort House have been completed but the year's profit has been affected by [illegible] finance costs and the fact that the two properties are still not fully income producing.

● IBSTOCK JOHNSEN: The company has exchanged contracts for the acquisition of Coalmoor Refractories (Horsehay), which owns and operates a leasehold quarry containing substantial reserves of clay and a freehold factory producing socialist clay products, both near Telford, Shropshire. Consideration is £2.5 million which has been wholly satisfied by the issue of 1,029,849 shares which, credited as fully paid, will rank pari passu in all respects with existing ordinaries except that they will not rank for the interim dividend announced on October 8.

● TOSHIBA CORPORATION: consolidated net income yen 41.77 billion (Y26.18 billion) for six months ended September 30: pretax income 85.60 billion (65.86 billion), operating income 81.52 billion (62.78 billion), sales 1.593 billion ([illegible]), earnings per share Y15.80.

ROWLINSON SECURITIES: results for period to September 30 dividend 0.18125p (amended) (figures in £000): turnover 4,778 (4,653), pretax profit 335 (332), tax 151 (173), EPS 1.48p (1.27p).

Granada Group results for the year ending September 29 show final 4.1p making 6.4p, a 10 per cent increase. (Figures in £000): turnover 634,200 (521,093) after interest payable 6,061 (8,353) and depreciation 95,008 (74,735), pretax profit 53,754 (43,458) after employee share scheme 1,293 (1,178) tax 23,365 (22,234), minorities nil (414), extraordinary debt 511 (cedit 849) transferred from reserves EPS 15.2p (12.5p). Acquisition of Rediffusioin and resulting programme resulted in an additional provision of £12.9 million.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Access Satellite Int 5p Ord (150a)	192
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	188
Alida Holdings 25p Ord (140a)	169–1
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	88
Breakmate 10p Ord (100a)	111+1
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	238
Brit Telecom 25p Ord (130) 50p pd	89–2
CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (105a)	140
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	185+35
Craton Lodge & Knight 1p Ord (115a)	187–1
Gabicci 5p Ord (78a)	95
Hawtal-Whiting 5p Ord (197a)	250
Inssam 10p Ord (145a)	195–2
Klark-Teknik 5p Ord (85a)	115–3
Media Technology 20p Ord (115a)	179
Oldacre Hldgs 20p Ord	108
PSM Int 25p (140)	155–1
Plasmec 10p Ord (70a)	75
Second Market Inv 5p Ord (10)	11½
Sharpe Drug Stores 10p Ord (140a)	180
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	143–2
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	118–1
U D O Holdings 10p Ord (110a)	125
Wardle Storeys 10p (132)	169–1
Wates City of Lon Prop 25p Ord (100)	114

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

A CHRISTMAS APPEAL FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BORED.

In my capacity as Chairman, I feel duty bound to bring to the attention of fellow Directors, employees and shareholders (and my wife Deirdre) the very real threat posed to the dull Christmas by the House of Hardy in Pall Mall.

In previous years we have been able to look forward to Christmases of unbroken monotony. Indeed, we have been instrumental in furthering the ritualised exchange of uninspired, unappreciated Christmas presents. As you all know, last year was particularly successful.

The House of Hardy Compleat Angler may forever change the complacent face of Christmas. Insincere gratitude may become a thing of the past.

I have been so concerned by the far reaching implications of The Compleat Angler in the traditionally moribund Christmas market that I visited the House of Hardy shop in Pall Mall (where incidentally, I was horrified by the sheer abundance of interesting and exciting Christmas gifts, for the shop not only stocks a bewilderingly impressive array of fishing equipment but also carries an extensive range of country-wear). After thoroughly examining The Compleat Angler I am now convinced that it is the most significant challenge to a gloomy yule.

It will be a salutory lesson for us all to consider in detail why The Compleat Angler is such a fine Christmas present. I believe the outfit to be so comprehensively cunning that it will appeal to novice and experienced anglers alike. I also fear that it will woo and win the hearts and minds of marketing men everywhere who will quickly realise its potential as an incentive package. (I have a notion that their



enthusiasm will be truly terrifying when they learn that the House of Hardy will personalise large corporate orders.)

I am not overstating the case when I say that The Compleat Angler even threatens to open up the world of fishing to those who have only dreamt of it.

To understand the many and subtle attractions of The Compleat Angler, we must first consider its most vital element: The Smuggler Rod. This remarkably versatile handbuilt seven piece rod (which slips effortlessly into any executive briefcase) measures only 15 inches in its constituent parts and yet easily assembles to 8 feet 2½ inches.

(I need hardly point out how appealing this makes it to anyone wishing to combine business with pleasure.)

As The Smuggler is fashioned out of hand crafted carbon fibre, and as all the joints incorporate Hardy's patented spigot ferrules the rod is extremely strong and yet affords the most delightfully smooth action.

(Bear in mind also that) The Smuggler is attractively finished in deep burgundy with tyings of ruby silk tipped with scarlet, has matching brown and gold coloured anodised fittings, as well as a handle of the finest specie cork–and you will begin to appreciate why The Compleat Angler has so much to recommend it. (You will also understand why The Smuggler won the highest praise at the prestigious 1984 Japanese Good Design Awards.)

It will come as no surprise to learn that The Golden Prince Reel, which perfectly complements The Smuggler, also won an accolade from the Tokyo jury.

For The Golden Prince Reel not only looks impressive but (alas) performs most impressively and incorporates latest developments in reel technology. With an exposed rim for finger-tip control and an advanced check mechanism (ingeniously housed within the arbor of the spool) it allows greater line capacity and quicker retrieve.

Not content with supplying one fine reel, House of Hardy (infuriatingly thoughtful as ever) have supplied a spare spool, thus allowing anglers to quickly change lines. Furthermore, the Reel and Spare Spool are supplied with Hardy No. 6 Floating and Sinking Lines respectively, with backing line ready for use. The Spare Spool even comes supplied with a protector band to keep the line in place when not in use.

(To add insult to injury) House of Hardy round off The Compleat Angler by supplying a superb aluminium lined leather rod case, a shower-proof cloth partitioned bag, a sturdy hand-stitched leather reel case and sheepskin lined hand-stitched leather fly wallet. Regrettably the whole outfit is made even more seductive by being contained in a handsome royal blue and gold presentation case.

Gentlemen, (and Deirdre) I have no alternative but to conclude that at £350 The Compleat Angler makes the prospect of a dull Christmas look distinctly bleak.

(Eh Deirdre...or do I have to wait until I retire?)

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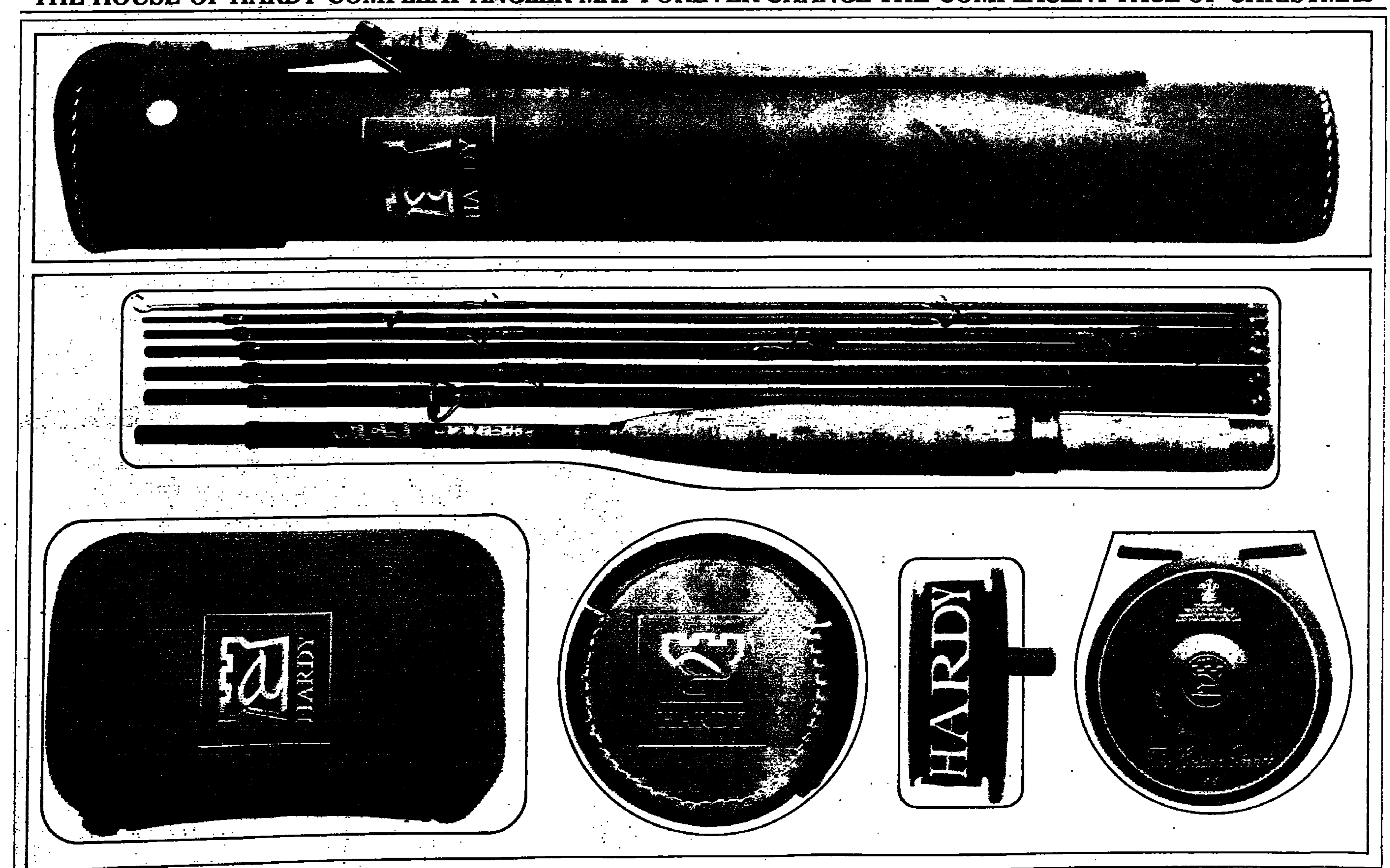
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hawker soars on 'set fair' prospect

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Hawker Siddeley bucked the general market trend yesterday gaining 12p to 412p.

Quilter Goodison, the stockbroker, was eagerly buying the shares, having decided that next year will be much better than previously expected for the leading engineering group, and certainly better than a rather stagnant 1984.

Analysts at Quilter believe there are plenty of factors working in Hawker's favour. Even the heavy diesels business appears to have better prospects, and the Crompton Parkinson electrical engineering operations are "showing a resurgence".

Westinghouse Signals will also contribute good news to 1985; profits from its multi-million pound contract to supply equipment in Singapore will show on next year's balance sheet.

Quilter also believes that British Rail can add to the rosy picture. The railways must invest in new locomotives soon, and that is bound to bring orders for Hawker.

All in all, that should mean profits of around £170 million in 1985, says Quilter. But there is no revised forecast for the current year, which ends at the end of this month. The broker is sticking to £140 million, a touch down on 1983's £145 million.

Equities suffered another indifferent day in the wake of the British Telecom flotation. But, after falling 7 points at one stage, shares staged a firm recovery although the final FT 30 share index, down 2.6 points at 914.9 points, was below the best level achieved during the rally.

The FT SE share index also recovered from its earlier low point, closing just 0.9 down at 1,182.9 points.

Government stocks had another firm day. Conventional gilts closed with gains of up to £¼. Inflation stocks, following the exhaustion of the 2½ per cent 2016 taplet, added up to £¾.

BT closed at 89p, representing a 2p fall. Once again trading in shares and options was considerable. **Cable and Wireless**, regarded as BT's fellow-runner, was 3p cheaper at 425p.

General Electric Co. helped the market when it became clear that de Zoete and Bevan, the broker, was buying shares on behalf of the company. GEC closed at 230p, up 6p.

An increased and final bid by **Nottingham Manufacturing** failed to stimulate **Johnson Group Cleaners**, which slipped 10p to 440p. Awaiting bid developments, **Bath and Portland Group** shaded 4p to 265p.

Oils were quietly firm. But there was renewed speculation among some of the stocks with South American dreams. Osceola surged another 30p, making a two-day gain of 50p to 125p. **Eglinton**, involved in the same exploration, rose 11p to 56p.

Standby for developments at Canvermoor, which specializes in supplying draught soft drinks to big clubs and pubs. The shares have risen 21p to 88p this account on hopes that profits, due soon, will not be too depressed, say £400,000, against £521,000, and that expansion moves are in the pipeline.

Groups reporting today had a mixed time. *Hanson Trust* fell 7p to 267p but *BOC Group* edged ahead 1p to 255p. *Bass*, the brewing group, which has recently been hitting new peaks, ran into some nervous selling, falling at one time 11p to 425p. There was even talk of a rights issue being mounted..

The fierce bettle for *East Lancashire* could be over. The defending board has accepted another revised offer from *British Syphon*. The new cash, shares or loan notes prices ELPG shares at around the 100p mark.

British Syphon already has 24.8 per cent of ELPG and the directors, who have pledged support, control a further 2.3 per cent.

But British Syphon may still have to deal with the lurking presence of Mr Ian Wasserman. His G. M. Firth group holds a substantial minority shareholding which it has built up during the duration of the bid.

This is British Syphon's second offer since it went under the effective new management of Mr Bryan Morrall and Mr Christopher Shaw. Their earlier attempt to take over their former company, the James Halstead floor covering group, through British Syphon, ended in failure.

Lex Service, the vehicle distribution group, sank to a new annual trading low of 288p yesterday, down 15p on the day. The shares have shown weakness since analysts met the company's directors last month. There was chunky selling yesterday, and more could follow.

Mr Richard Lake, chartist at Raphael Zorn, the broking firm, says Lex Shares were a clear sell on his charts in May, when the shares traded around the 400p level, and still show some risk. "They could go to 250p", he says.

Pilkington Brothers went 7p higher to 308p as market men realised the deal with **Cape Industries** means that Pilkington have won the insulation materials war. It was a heavy price-cutting battle in the glass fibre sulation business which precipitated Cape into the closure and sell-off of that division. Pilkington look to have a clear field for the future.

The glassmaker reveals half-year figures next week, and market ecpecttions currently are for profits of around £50 million, against £30.4 million in the previous six month period.

Meanwhile, Cape came back from suspension at 48p and slipped to 47p, around 10p down on Tuesday's price.

Espley Trust showed no reaction to news from the company doctor, Mr Ronnie Aitken, that he is aiming to complete his basic reorganisation by the end of the year.

The USM, and over the counter market have been rejected by Avesco, a London company making television standands converters, in favour of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. Gresham House, with 22 per cent, and the Dutch stockbrokers, Kempen, are offering nearly three million shares at 45p to raise £1.2 million. Avesco, the first British group to go Dutch, forecasts £750,000 profits, putting the shared om 14 times prospective earnings.

The company has borrowings of around £61 million, and Mr Aitken started a massive assets sell-off after taking over as chariman, in October, from Espley's founder Mr Ron Shuck.

Mr Aitken has said he has five more deals to do by the end of the year; if completed, these deals will save the company. Espley shares were unchanged yesterday at 10p.

TEMPUS

More woe but John Brown cuts losses

The tale of woe at John Brown is becoming increasingly familiar. Still making losses and crippled by debt, the corporate plan for recovery is taking longer than expected.

To be fair to the management, its task has not been made any easier by treading conditions which refuse to improve and a decline in the value of sterling against the dollar which has added an extra £10 million on coversion of US debt.

Yesterday's interim figures, with losses before tax halved from £9 million to £4.5 million were in line with expectaions. *It is always difficult to predict* John Brown's results since the figures rely very much on timing of contract completions but the second half is traditionally better for the group and a further reduction in losses can be expected in the full year.

The disposal of Olofsson which is still under negotiation in the US is becoming increasingly important. A serious buyer is taking to the group but hopes of a deal before the New Year have been dashed. The disposal is expected to raise about $25 million which John Brown desperately needs to reduce the burden of US dept.

Once that is completed there is not too much left for the groupby way of divestment. Odd disposals here and there can be expected but the main aim will be to improve the performance of the core businesses.

Trading within the divisions in the first half was mixed. The trend was generally upwards

The shares closed down 1p at 26p on the results. The corporate plan will not be completed for another year and after that there will be a capital reconstructon. The shares remain speculative and investors require a combination of patience and a sense of adventure.

Avon Rubber

The swift and positive action which Avon Rubber took two years ago to counteract the slump in the tyre market has proved effective. Losses which threatened to drag the company down were stemmed and the profits earning base has been broadened.

Yesterday pretax profits of £3.5 million for the year to September 29 were up from £2.3 million and ahead of the forecast made at the time of the rights issue in September. They confirmed the group's upward momentum.

The rights issue is not reflected in the results, but the £9.9 million it raised has strengthened the balance sheet. Borrowings of £15.3 million, down by £2.3 million in the year, have now been reduced *below £6 million and this will* ease the interest bill of £2.5 million substantially.

The group has cut its reliance on tyre manufacturing which now accounts for only 20 per cent of the business, half what it was two years ago. By concentrating on specialist tyres the division is in the black and the technology has been usefully applied to other parts of Avon's activities.

More important is the increasing element of defence work. The most significant development is a new gas mask, or respirator, which Avon has produced with financial assistance from the Ministry of Defence. The threat of nuclear, chemical or germ warfare demands a new type of respirator and Avon had developed one which allows the user to eat, sleep, drink and communicate for days on end without it being removed.

The respirator is undergoing field trials and the results should be known by next Spring. So far, the MoD has ordered only 70,000 units as part of the development package *but if it is satisfactory it* will want one for every serviceman. The product has also generated interest from the US military and other Nato countries. Avon is ideally placed to translate this interest into significant profits.

With the group embarking on a substantial research and development programme there is scope for further expansion of the product range. There will also be some investment in plant modernization which will improve efficiency.

The shares closed down 12p to 201p on the announcement of the results but they have had a good run recently and element of profit-taking could be expected. The longer term prospects look encouraging, and if the respirator deal goes Avon's way there could be a big rush for the shares.

Cape Industries

Is Charter Consolidated merely accident prone or is something seriously wrong? News that Cape Industries, which is 67 per cent owned by Charter, has become another casualty in the mining finance house's corporate dustbin comes just two months after the Johnson Matthey collapse.

This must leave Lord Hanson wondering what he bought when he accumulated a 3.3 per cent stake in Charter at around the 240p-a-share mark last summer. Today the shares are bobbing about at 180p.

The extent of the damage at Cape is serious indeed. Attributable losses in the nine months to the end of September were £33.2 million after extraordinary debits for closures and write-offs of £27 million. The effect is more than to halve the group's capital base and send the debt equity ratio spiralling up to around the 130 per cent level.

Cape admits frankly that it could take many years to trade its way out of this position. The company has begun discussions with Charter among others on how much additional capital may be necessary to ensure a viable *future for what remains* after the cutbacks and sales.

However, Cape seems to have grasped the nettle in its latest round of rationalization and, apart from the lurking spectre of asbestos – related claims which are costing the group *nearly £1 million a year in provisions*, there seem to be few skeletons left in the cuboard.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Shops leave High Street for the race track

By Judith Huntley

New trends in shopping are causing a property shake-up

The City of London's financial institutions may be going through a revolution but a widespread and fundamental change is also sweeping through the retail sector with significant implications for the property market.

The pressure is on to find plum out-of-town sites for ever-larger stores: prices are going sky high with the top names in the food and do-it-yourself fields bidding against each other for the few available prime locations.

It is hard to see how some of these prices can be justified, but the companies which obtain good sites are not only locating themselves to pick up the lion's share of trade, they are also ensuring their competitors do not get a look in.

Sunday trading is likely to increase the contest for sites on which to build large stores with generous surface car parking. Here planners have the upper hand.

There is an avalanche of planning applications in the pipeline for edge or out-of-town superstores and some of the food retailers are putting in applications for sites on a blanket basis in the hope that a few will materialise, and most have ambitious development programmes.

However, the food groups may be overshadowed by the DIY, furniture and electrical goods companies which are also looking to move out of the High Street, their traditional home.

The Unit of Retail Planning Information believes that the boom in food superstores could be slowing but that the other retailers are just beginning to start their shift outwards.

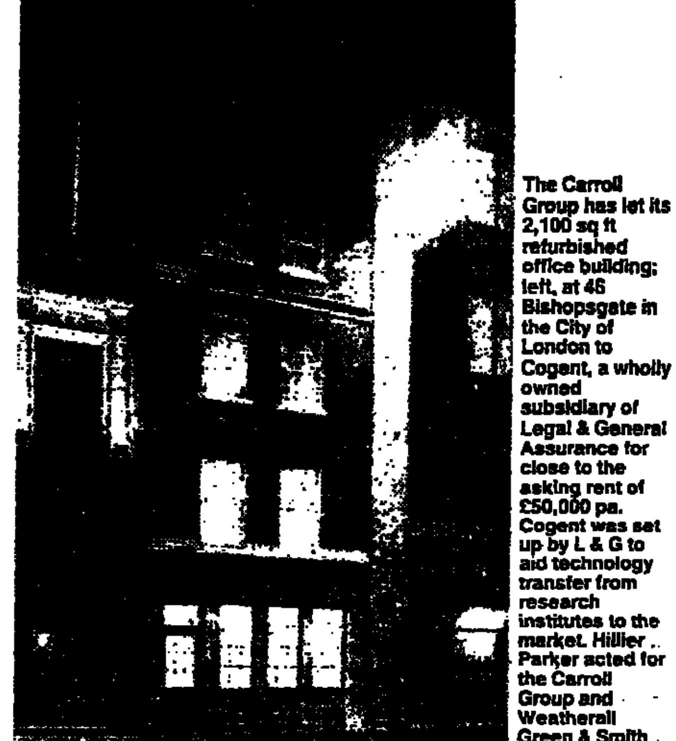
The decision by Marks and Spencer to develop some out-of-town stores – the first in the Gateshead enterprise zone where the company will receive a 100 per cent capital allowance – highlights the structural changes in the retail sector.

The chain's work with Tesco to develop on the same site appears to have been prompted by its need to benefit from Tesco's experience in winning planning permission for an edge-of-town site near Bristol but it looks unlikely to be a joint operation as Tesco is building an 82,000 sq ft store at the Eastgate centre, within Bristol city's limits next to the M32 motorway.

The Eastgate centre, an industrial and commercial development by B S Estates, the property development subsidiary of Bristol Stadium, indicates another retailing trend.

Food retailers and DIY operators have taken space on what are or were industrial estates but are now changing into a mixed development.

Race tracks and football grounds are key targets for redevelopment: shopping is replacing sport as the newest leisure activity, a situation that will be accelerated by Sunday trading.



The Carroll Group has let its 2,100 sq ft refurbished office building: left, at 46 Bishopsgate in the City of London to Cogent, a wholly owned subsidiary of Legal & General Assurance for close to the asking rent of £50,000 pa. Cogent was set up by L & G to aid technology transfer from research institutes to the market. Hillier Parker acted for the Carroll Group and Weatherall Green & Smith for the tenant.

GRA Group, which owns several stadiums, will be able to turn its assets into a very lucrative proposition. There will no longer be greyhounds racing around the tracks at Slough, Berkshire, White City in Manchester, or Shawfields and Harringey in London.

The four stadiums are to be bought by household names in the food business: Tesco has agreed terms for the Slough site and J Sainsbury at Harringey, and Asda at Shawfields and in Manchester are front runners for the others. All will be bought on condition that planning permission is granted.

Where does this leave the High Street? Tesco, Marks and Spencer and J Sainsbury have all said they will not desert the High Street. Indeed, they could not afford to undermine their very large property investments.

There must be doubt as to whether High Street properties can sustain the rental growth that they did and in this case the yields on some recent deals are looking far too low.

The competition from new out-of-town stores which can afford Sunday opening and the newer breed of covered shopping centre will hit companies with outdated retail property.

They will have to look to their laurels if they are to sustain what have been extremely good investments.

Woodrow to ask £8 for Swindon offices

● Taylor Woodrow Property Company is hoping to obtain a rent of £8 a sq ft at its 47,280 sq ft office building, Delta 100, on the Delta Business Park, Swindon, Wiltshire. The 30-acre business park, a joint development between Taylor Woodrow and Thamesdown Council will have a total of 370,000 sq ft of office on flexible letting terms.

The scheme has planning consent which allows for a range of uses compatible with the low-density, highly-landscaped scheme. Two more specualtive buildings are planned. Delta 1200 will have 27,700 sq ft of offices and Delta 200, 36,940 sq ft of space. The letting agents are Richard Ellis and J P Sturge & Sons.

● Trafalgar House has established a commercial paper programme in the US through its American holding company, Trafalgar House Inc. It is backed by a credit line of up to $50 million (£40 million) from Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association. The commercial notes will be issued by Bank of America Trust Company, New York.

The proceeds of the issue will [illegible]

● Norwich Union [illegible] being widely tipped as the purchaser of Trafalgar House's [illegible] London's Shoe Lane, let in its entirety to Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant. Norwich [illegible] buying the building but will not confirm that a deal is close to signing. TH is asking nearly £50 million for the building which is let at £26.75 a sq ft for the office space.

● Barclays Life Assurance, the main Barclaytrust Fund, is financing the Bride Hall Group's £5 million, 30,000 sq ft office development in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Bride Hall's subsidiary, Elliott Developments, has been funding the scheme internally since the site was bought from the Commission for the New Towns earlier this year for £1 million.

The first 25,000 sq ft unit of the project, known as The Marlowes, will be retained by Barclaytrust with the second 5,000 sq ft unit being presold to the Hertfordshire Newspaper Group for owner-occupation. The letting agents, Jones Lang Wootton and Gordon Hudson & Company, expect rents to be more than £11 a sq ft.

● Mr Sam Levy, who recently retired as senior letting partner at Jones Lang Wootton, has joined Imry Property Holdings as a non-executive director. Mr Levy is a [illegible] Jones Lang [illegible] Imry [illegible]

Mr [illegible] chairman of Imry [illegible] acquaintance of Mr Levy and asked him to join the board when he decided to retire from JLW. Mr Levy is likely to be [illegible] Imry's biggest projects, the refurbishment of the 100,000 sq ft former Turriff building on the Great West Road, West London.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½%
Adam & Company	9½%
Barclays	9¾%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings†	11½%
Consolidated Crds	9¾%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co*	9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
TSB	9½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%
Citibank NA	9½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¼%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼%; £50,000 and over, 8%.

RUGBY UNION: AN IMPORTANT WEEKEND AHEAD FOR ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND AUSTRALIA

Australia stay the same for Scotland

By David Hands

The Australian management predictably named the side which beat Wales decisively for the final international of their tour against Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday. The only change in the squad of 21 is among the replacements, where Lane, who has enjoyed a good tour at centre, comes in instead of Burke.

With the exception of Moon, the Australians have had a tour remarkably free of injuries, which has allowed them to choose virtually unchanged teams for the internationals. The only unforced change was the selection of Roche instead of Codey on the flank against Ireland but Codey, the bigger man, was restored against Wales and keeps the place in the team which is going for a first grand slam.

Burke was the immediate replacement for Moon after the left wing broke his arm against England, but he in turn gave way to Grigg against



Grigg: experienced

Wales. I imagine it is Grigg's experience as much as anything which keeps out Williams, the very promising Sydney University wing, who has scored four tries in his four games. Williams, aged 21, has made a distinct impression as an attacking player since joining the tour as Moon's replacement but his defence still has certain limitations.

Two former England players, Dodge and Cusworth, return to the Leicester side to play Blackheath at Welford Road at the weekend. Cusworth was injured playing for the Midlands against the Australians a month ago but his return will help lift a side preparing not only for the annual Christmas encounter with the Barbarians but a difficult John Player Special Cup tie with Bristol a month later.

AUSTRALIA: R G Gould; P C Grigg, A G Slack (captain), M P Lynagh, D I Campese; M G Ella, N C Farr-Jones. E E Rodriguez, T A Lawton, A J McIntyre, S A G Cutler, S A Williams, S A Poidevin, D Codey, S N Tuynman. Replacements: M I McBain, S Pilecki, R G Reynolds, J W Black, T A Lane, P A Cox

President dies

George Wakeham, the president of Plymouth Albion, has died after a long illness. he was associated with Plymouth Albion for nearly 50 years, the last 12 as president.

Agar seeks support as the time comes for a change in direction

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union's committee meeting tomorrow assumes more than usual importance, for a decision is to be made on the package presented by Albert Agar, the president, for a major change to the structure of the game in England.

The time for debate, Agar said yesterday, had passed the the special meeting held at the end of September. He expressed the hope that all constituent body representatives would return with a firm mandate to vote on the package, which includes proposals for a permanent divisional championship, for a further restructuring of the county championship and for the definite prospect of club leagues.

Given an affirmative vote, the divisional championship would come into being next season. One can only hope that, after a decade of spadework by Sir George Mallaby and his committee, by Dick Jeeps in his year of presidency, and by the RFU's own Burgess committee, the various members of tomorrow's meeting will not turn round and say: "We are happy as we are."

With the exception of 1980 and the quintuple tie of 1973, it is 21 years since England won the home international championship; that is a record matched only by Scotland, who have far fewer players to select from, bettered by Ireland (who are also limited by numbers) and left trailing in the dust of Wales and France.

The RFU have no need of models; they have their own based on the work of the last 10 years. But if they seek a model of economy, then Ireland's proposals for a national club competition, at present being studied by the clubs, would be as good as any. The Irish RFU are invoking support for a league embracing 47 clubs divided into five divisions, the top three of nine clubs each, the bottom two of 10 clubs each. Given a satisfactory resonse by next March – and Irish officials are optimistic – the IRFU hope to implement the league during the 1986-7 season.

England's lamentable record over the last two decades is not attributable solely to the lack of a competitive structure, but possibly the most frustrating aspect of the lack of success is that the RFU have realized the need for change, mobilized the forces to point the way, and then have found their members baulking at the last fence. After Mallaby and Burgess, will Agar be third time lucky?

N Zealand boys on tour

The first major overseas tour by a New Zealand secondary schools team will begin on Saturday when they play East Wales Schools at Pandy Park, Cross Keys (David Hands writes). The party of 27 players and three officials have a week to acclimatize before beginning their 14-match programme, which includes internationals against the four home countries and the Netherlands.

It has been two months since the boys, each of whom had to contribute some £300 to the cost of the tour after the withdrawal of a government grant, last played, and their last international was a win over Australia by 18-10 in August. Their first international in Britain is against Scottish Schools at Murrayfield on December 15.

They meet Welsh Schools in Cardiff a week later, Irish Schools in Cork on January 5, and the climax of the tour is at Twickenham on January 23 against England. In the only previous meeting between the two countries, at Pukekohe in 1979, England won 23-4.

ITINERARY: Dec 8: East Wales (Cross Keys). Dec 12: Scottish Districts (Melrose). Dec 15: Scotland (Murrayfield). Dec 19: West Wales (St Helen's, Swansea). Dec 22: Wales (Cardiff). Dec 27: South and South-west (Bath). Dec 29: Leinster (Donnybrook). Jan 1: Ulster (Ravenhill, Belfast). Jan 5: Ireland (Cork). Jan 9: Midland (Moseley). Jan 13: North (Otley). Jan 16: London (London Welsh). Jan 19: Jong Orange (The Hague). Jan 23: England (Twickenham).

Price returns

London Welsh, playing West Hartlepool on Saturday in the first fixture between the clubs for more than 80 years, make three changes to the team which beat Aberavon 31–10. Price, who once played for West Hartlepool, returns to stand-off, so Ebsworth moves to full back in place of Thomas and Bradley comes back at prop in place of Davies.

The England flanker, David Cooke, the Harlequins captain, goes into hospital this week to have a piece of "floating bone" removed from a knee, but this will not sideline him for long. Cooke expects to be back in action shortly.



Jim Aitken: gritting his teeth as he faces the future

Aitken philosophical about his omission

By Ian McLauchlan

Just under nine months ago Scotland, against all the odds, defeated France at Murrayfield to complete their most sucessful season since 1925. They had won the Calcutta Cup, triple crown and grand slam in quick succession. Much of the credit for these victories was given to the captain Jim Aitken, who is affectionately known as "Big Daddy" by the players.

The same players were full of praise and admiration for him. It was Aitken who had held them together in terms of stress – and there had been plenty of those during the season. It was Aitken and his iron discipline that had cut down on the number of penalties conceded and it was his cajoling that had kept the team driving forward to victory.

His public face exuded calmness and a quiet confidence – unlike the usual Scottish cockiness, which is a frailty in our character. After every game he spoke with humility and looked forward to the next challenge.

On Saturday, however, as Scotlnd play Australia, Aitken will take his place in the stand as a mere spectator. He has been omitted from the squad which will be trying to prevent an Australian grand slam – their first ever, should they prove successful.

Scotland have already been denied the services of Rutherford, Paxton, Johnston, Leslie and Campbell through injury. This in itself should be reason enough to call on Aitken's strong leadership and experience to pull this team together as they face a demanding task.

Aitken's club, Gala, have had by their own high standards a poor season, losing four of the eight league games played this season. In such a situation it is difficult, if not impossible, for a prop to influence the proceedings. So he has been overlooked, although his game is based on strong scrummaging, has not changed.

Apart from his personal performance, many feel that he is worthy of at least one more chance. Many also feel that, with so many new players in the side, Aitken's captaincy would give Scotland a real chance of pulling off victory in this match.

It is not to be, however, and Scotland again have prematurely discarded one of their heroes. Aitken himself is philosophical, saying that the season has a long way to go. Rather typically, he grits his teeth, seeing this as a tempory setback to, rather than the end of, his international career.

Ireland prepare for final trial

By George Ace

On Sunday the Irish selectors will assemble in Limerick to determine the composition of the final Irish trial teams that will meet at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on December 22, after which the side to meet England at the same venue on January 19 will be named.

The previous day the selectors will have split ranks to take in the final matches in the inter-provincial championship. In Galway, Connaught meet Leinster while at Limerick's historic Thomond Park, Munster will be attempting to dent Ulster's unbeaten run this season.

The final trial is something of a misnomer in that it is the only official trial of the season. And rarely is it the yardstick that the selectors use in their final analysis, being more apt to rely on the form displayed during the inter-provincial championship.

On very few occasions has an impressive performance in the final trial won a player a place on an Irish side if he had not had something already in his locker. Equally, rarely has a poor performance cost a recognized player his place.

Four teams will be selected at the weekend: the Probables, the fancied ones to make the team to play England; the Possibles; and 30 substitutes, 15 for each of the two teams. It is a task not made any easier by the fact that several permanent fixtures among the Probables got the past few seasons are, for a variety of reasons not available, including Ollie Campbell, John O'Driscoll, Fergus Slattery and Moss Keane.

Keane, of course, has announced hir retirement from repesentative rugby, and the grapevine is persistent that there will be no place in the trial for W. P. Duggan (Black Rock College) at No 8.

Uncapped players who look certain to feature large in the selectors discussions are Nigel Carr, rated by most observers as certain of his place against England in January; Brian McCall, the London Irish and Ulster lock; Bangor's twosome who both scored tries in last weekend's B international, David Morrow and Terry McMaster; Rab Brady, the Ulster scrum half; Declan Aherne, a forceful leftwing; Paul Collins, the Munster No 8; and John Barry, the B full back, must have a great chance of being No 1 challenger to Hugo MacNeill, after an excellent week-end performance in Galway.

The 15 who played against Australia, plus Crossan, a late withdrawal from the left wing, will make up the bulk of the Probables' team, with possibly Carr and Ward forcing their way onto the senioe side to the exclusion of Sexton and Dean.

Ireland's problem areas are in the centre, at half back, loose head, where the years are beginning to take their toll on Phillip Orr, and at No 8. But Irish selectors would not be Irish selectors if they do not unearth a few names that will leave a lot of us digging deep into the memory bank.

BOXING

Magri's challenger may put world title ambitions first

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Charlie Magri, whose European flyweight title defence against Antoine Montero, of France was announced on Monday, may now not meet the Frenchman after all. Reports from France say that Montero, who hoped to challenge the winner of the bout between Freddie Castillo of Mexico and Sot Chitalada of Thailand, has now decided to take on Santos Laciar, of Argentina, for the World Boxing Association (WBA) title in March.

After defeating the World Boxing Council (WBC) No 3 Jorge Cano, of Mexico in Grenoble last Friday, Montero said: "I am not interested in fighting for the European title any more. I only want to gear myself up these days for bigger things." In making that remark Montro may have forgotten that Laciar, though one of the first men to floor Magri, was handsomely beaten on points by the Stepney flyweight.

So it would not be surprising if Frank Warren, the London promoter who won the right to stage the European title bout in London with a large purse offer of £40,000, may now wait until after Montero's world title bout to see if the Frenchman has changed his views about the European title. Of course, if Montero were to win the world title, a match between him and Magri would become imperative.



Montero: aiming higher

Warren's office yesterday said that they had not had any rejection of Warren's offer as yet from Montero's manager, Jose Jover and until such time as something definite came from Jover they were going ahead with their plans for the European titlle bout in Alexandra Pavilion, North London. Warren, who remembers Montero beating his own flyweight, Keith Wallace, in London, knows that the Frenchman's bout against a popular Londoner like Magri would be a sell-out.

WBA deliver body blow to Coetzee's appeal

Johannesburg (AP) – Gerrie Coetzee, the dethroned world Boxing Association heavyweight champion, yesterday suffered a setback to his hopes of successfully appealing against his eighth-round knockout by the American, Greg Page.

The WBA championships committee informed the South Aftrican Boxing Board of Control that the bout "was conducted according to the WBA rules and regulations," and the WBA "recognizes Greg Page as a legitimate WB Heavyweight champion."

Stan Chritodoulou, of South Africa, the chairman of the WBA championships committee, telexed the WBA position to the South African Board.

Page of Louisville, Kentucky, floored Coetzee for the full count in an eighth round that ran 48 seconds past the official three minutes. No offical explanation has been offered, but the clock was either broken or the timekeeper not alert, according to witnesses and video replays.

Hal Tucker, Coetzee's manager, said after the bout that he also wanted to appeal because Page knocked Coetzee down in an exchange of punches after the bell ending the sixth round.

● ATLANTIC CITY: Milton McCrory the World Boxing Council welterweight champion, produced a three-punch flurry to stop Lloyd Taylor in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout on Tuesday night (AP reports).

McCrory trapped Taylor on the ropes 56 seconds into the fourth round and landed a right to the head, followed by a left hook and another right to the head. Taylor dropped, face first, on the canvas. The Referee, Larry Mazzard, stopped counting at "four" after Taylor made no effort to rise.

In an earlier bout, Steve McCrory, the Olympic flyweight gold medal winner, kept his record unblemished with a six-round unanimous decision over Sonny Long. McCrory won a battle of inside body punching.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Queen's Park Rangers v Brentford (7.30).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Brighton and Hove Albion (2.30).
OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University v Cambridge United (2.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Kellogg's Cup, semi-final, first leg: Manchester Giants v Kingston (7 45).
DARTS: World professional tournament, qualifying rounds (Jolees, Stoke-on-Trent)
SNOOKER: World doubles (Derngate Centre, Northampton).

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FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL FLY TO TOKYO FOR WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Mullery's task may go to Pleat

By Clive White

The timing of Alan Mullery's dismissal from the management of Queen's Park Rangers may have seemed odd to some, almost unique, following immediately, as it did, a victory on Tuesday evening. But for those who have had to watch a team of quality like Rangers lurch miserably from one disaster to another, the parting of the ways could not have come too soon.

It is always distasteful to see a man lose his job, particularly at this time of year, and it is impossible not to feel some sympathy for Mullery for the size of his task at Loftus Road. Maintaining, never mind improving upon, the success of such a popular manager as Terry Venables was always going to be difficult.

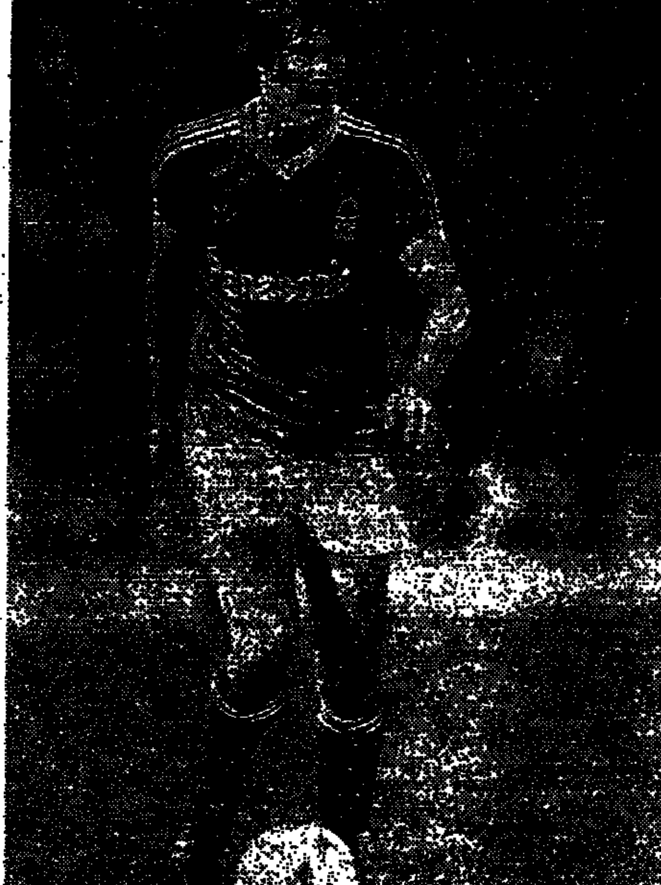
Mullery did his best not to disturb Venables's team or tactics, but in both areas he fell marginally and critically short. For instance, the destructive and tiresome offside tactics of Venables, which Mullery perpetuated, were acceptable to the supporters only as long as the team were winning. Even here the tactic occasionally fell down – due to lack of practice, it has been said.

Mullery's strongest suit has always been motivation, but the players found him less convincing than Venables. During his six months at the club he was always conscious of the comparisons. As early as the second week of the season he was eager to point out that their first three results were better than the previous season's corresponding fixtures. Even on Tuesday night, after they had laboured to victory over the bottom club, Stoke City, he stressed that although in sixteenth position in the first division Rangers were only one point down on last season's results in the same fixtures.

Mullery had his moments of triumph at Rangers, like the brilliant defeat of Nottingham Forest and the draw at Anfield, but they only served to prove that the team were capable of better things.

Rangers expect to name a successor before they play Everton, the League leaders, on Saturday. Next Tuesday they play a financially important Milk Cup fourth-round second replay against Southampton. Several managerial names were bandied around yesterday as likely successors, prominently that of Terry Neill, the former Arsenal manager.

George Graham, a former Rangers coach and now leading Millwall's drive for promotion to the second division, would be a better bet. He was present at the Stoke game on Tuesday. The best bet, though, ought to be David Pleat, whom Rangers tried to tempt into the job before Mullery. As a man of almost outdated principles, the fact Luton Town are languishing in 21st position will not affect his decision, as it might others. But he is ambitious, and if Rangers offer him total control this time, he might accept.







Midfield marshals on world conquest: Maragoni, now of Independiente, and Molby, of Liverpool

MacDonald among party of 16 in quest of the ultimate trophy

Liverpool flew to Tokyo yesterday for their second attempt at the world club championship, in which they meet Independiente, of Buenos Aires, in the Olympic stadium on Sunday. In their 16-strong squad was Kevin MacDonald, the former Leicester City captain whom they recently signed for £400,000 and who has yet to play for them.

Three years ago Liverpool played Flamengo, the Brazilian side, in Tokyo and lost 3-0, a defeat that was mainly due to the brilliance of Zico, who scored one goal and made the other two.

Regarding previous British interest, it took Racing Club, of Buenos Aires, three matches in 1968 before they disposed of Celtic and a year later Estudiantes de la Plata beat Manchester United by a single goal over two legs.

Five years ago the event was restyled as the Toyota Cup and since then, apart from Liverpool, two other English sides, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa, have featured in the Tokyo final, Forest going down 1-0 to Nacional of Montevideo, in 1980, and Penarol, also of Montevideo, beating Villa 2-0 two years later.

Independiente went through a light 90-minute training period in Toko after having arrived in the Japanese capital on Tuesday, to be greeted by cold, early-winter weather in contrast to the summer sun they left behind in Argentina. Yesterday they went straight to the Nishigaoka Stadium in the northern suburbs of the city.

Their manager, Jose Omar Pastriza, said: "The players are a bit tired after the 36-hour flight from Buenos Aires and are suffering from the time difference; but I believe they will be in top form for the game."

He said his players would attend a reception at the Argentine Embassy before stepping up their training tomorrow and Saturday. Most of the local attention during today's training was focused on the midfield players, Jorge Luis Burruchaga and Ricardo Enrique Bochini, both of whom looked to have quickly shaken off the effects of jet lag.

Another midfield player in their side is Claudio Masangoni, who played for Sunderland in 1979-1980 season.

Independiente won the world club championship in 1973, when they defeated Juventus 1-0, and were losing finalists four times in 1964, 1965, 1972 and 1974.

Liverpool's defeat by Flamengo in the final of 1981 prompted them to dominate the rest of the English season by lifting the championship again and taking the League Cup for the second successive year.

Such prompt reaction to a major defeat is typical of Liverpool's legendary team spirit and organization, originally installed into the club by their former manager, Bill Shankly. A combative, humorous and inspirational former Scottish international wing half, Shankly took over as Liverpool manager in 1959 when the club were in the second division.

Within six years he led them to the second division title, the first division title twice, the FA Cup and the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup – the only European trophy they have failed to win – and the semi-finals of the European Cup.

Shankly's Liverpool grew famous for their all-red kit, their robust teamwork, their non-stop running and their noisy, singing, sporting fans.

The consistency of the team under the avuncular Bob Paisley brought with it an extraordinary run of honours that was to be maintained by his successor Joe Fagan, who took over in 1983. He led Liverpool to a treble – League title, League Cup and European Cup – in his first season.

The durability and bite of the team have been reduced by the departure of the Scottish midfield player Graeme Souness, to Italy and a knee injury, requiring a cartilage operation, to the forward Ian Rush, who scored 50 goals last season. Independiente may therefore catch Liverpool in transition as Fagan juggles with three new midfield players, including the Dane, Jan Molby, in search of a blend capable of putting the "Reds" on top of the world.

LIVERPOOL SQUAD: B Grobbelaar, P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, S Nicol, A Hansen, K Dalglish, J Molby, I Rush, C Johnston, J Wark, R Whelan, M Robinson, G Gillespie, K MacDonald, R Bolder.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Korean minister positive he can keep body of Seoul together

Tokyo (AP) – Despite recent implicit threats of an Eastern bloc boycott of the 1988 Olympics, South Korea's sports minister, Lee Yong-Ho, has forecast that the Seoul Games will be "a great success", with the largest number of teams ever, about 150. Lee said: "If you read statements made by representatives of certain socialist countries very carefully, they don't mention boycott."

referring to a statement by the Cuban president, Fidel Castro, that Cuba was determined to stay away from the summer Olympics in Seoul, Lee added, "if it is true, it is quite a surprise. The signals we have been getting are quite different.

"We have contacts, we have discussions with people from [Communist] countries with which we don't have diplomatic relations. From these contacts and discussions we have formed a very strong impression that almost all of them will be coming to Seoul."

Last week, however, Moscow warned of a possible communist boycott of the Seoul Games in a letter to the International Olympic Committee president, Juan Samaranch, in Lausanne. Also two Soviet IOC members sharply criticized the choice of Seoul and said it would "give rise to many problems"

Even so, Lee said that China, a close ally of North Korea, but which has no diplomatic links with South Korea, "has said repeatedly, and almost officially, they will come.

"Above all else we want North Korea to participate at Seoul", he added. "It is a great honour for the Korean people to welcome the Olympics and if North Korea does not turn up, our pride and joy in the Games will be seriously diminished".

Referring to arguments by some socialist states that Seoul is insecure, Lee said that as far as internal security is concerned, "[South] Korea is among ther top category. Such safety [for athletes, sports officials and visitors] is more easily provided in Korea than in many, many counties, and more easily than in the United States, very definitely".

Asked about Taiwan's participation, he said: "We'll welcome all IOC members, and in preparing and staging the Olympics, we'll be abiding by the IOC charter. So I see no reason why Taiwan wouldn't be participating".

Commenting on reported objections by Samaranch to a plan to stage some final events in the early morning to meet American prime-time television needs and bring in bigger television payments, Lee said Samaranch's position was "very, very seriously mistaken".

"When Mr Samaranch made the statement, as he was departing from Kimpo Airport in Seoul, I was there. He said he will not accept any excessively unreasonable kind of scheduling. He said, and I quote, "we have to respect the welfare of the athletes so we'll not accept the finals at eight o'clock in the morning". Lee said.

"We are not talking about early morning finals . we are talking about finals starting from mid-day, let's say 10 o'clock or 11 o'clock"

SNOOKER

Favourites head for new clash

Steve Davis and Alex Higgins are on course for a quarter-final meeting in the Mercantile Credit classic at Warrington when the tournament resumes on January 4. Davis had a 5-0 whitewash over Silvino Francisco, but Higgins had a touch of Irish luck to stay in the tournament, beating Marcel Gauvreau of Canada, 5-3.

Tony Knowles, No 2 in the world, and seeded to reach the final, was crushed 5-1 by Joe Johnson, to start a collapse of seeds. The 29-year-old Bolton man grumbled about playing in the morning. "Big matches like this should not be held at 10.30 in the morning. There was no atmosphere, the table and myself were cold", he complained. Tony Meo lost on the last pink to Eugene Hughes, of Dublin.

Eddie Charlton, of Australia, slumped 5-1 to Murdo Macleod, of Scotland, who now meets unranked John Virgo, who sent Bill Werbeniuk tumbling 5-2.

Steve Longworth, of Blackburn, only a professional for six months, beat David Talyor 5-4, after gaining four qualifying wins to reach the first round.

WARRINGTON: Mercantile Classic: K Stevens (Can) bt P Medati (Can) 5-4. Frames scores, Stevens first: 37-84, 55-49, 74-33, 13-64, 22-86, 69-32, 35-71, 61-2, 54-38. W Thorne (Leicester) bt R Foldvari (Aus) 5-2. Frames. Thorne first: 17-113, 113-16, 85-38, 72-37, 61-38, 64-69, 94-27. R Williams (Stourbridge) bt D Taylor (Manchester) 5-3. Frames: Williams first: 69-53, 87-8, 59-20, 32-69, 32-66, 0-120, 63-40, 87-0. R Reardon (Shrewsbury) bt M Hallett (Grimsby) 5-3. Frames: Reardon first: 71-41, 15-90, 98-19, 36-61, 60-74, 80-19, 102-12, 72-17. E Hughes (Kings Cross) bt T Meo (Morden) 5-4.



Higgins: Irish luck

GOLF

Rain may upset the man from Spain

Sun City, South Africa (Reuter) – The Open champion, Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, is the favourite to retain the million-dollar challenge title in the tournament which begins here today. But he has opposing him nine other top golfers, including Lee Trevino and Ben Crenshaw of the United States and Gary Player of South Africa.

Ballesteros, who established a four-round tournament record of 274 last year to win one of the richest prizes in golf by five strokes, is quoted as 2-1 favourite.

But the long-hitting Spaniard may not find the course as much to his liking as last year, when drought left the rough short and robbed it of natural terrors.

Weeks of heavy rain this year have left the undergrowth tall and thick, and wayward drives could be heavily punished.

The wet weather has increased the chances of the two oldest men competing for the first prize of $300,000 (£250,000) – Travino, aged 45, and Player, aged 49, who designed this course in the nominally independent state of Bophuthatswana.

"Look, you can never discount Seve. He's a great player and must be in with a good chance", Trevino said. "But I'm told the rough is knee-deep and this makes me very happy. I think I can win and so can Gary. Us old guys may not be able to match the long hitters off the tees but we shouldn't miss too many fairways."

Britain's Nick Faldo, joint second behind Ballesteros last year, is also in the field.

Ballesteros: holder

Parkin takes 'rookie of the year' award

Philip Parkin, the 22-year-old Welshman, who turned professional only last July, has his eye on a place in the European team for the Ryder Cup match against the United States at the Belfry next September, and he intends to play as many tournaments as possible to achieve that aim.

Parkin, the former British amateur champion who received the Henry Cotton-Alfa Romeo "rookie of the year" award at a presentation ceremony in London yesterday, said he will miss very few events in an attempt to get the £40,000 prize money he will need when the cup side is named after the Benson and Hedges tournament in August.

"I've always set high targets for myself", Parkin said, after receiving the £2,000 cheque from Henry Cotton. "I was virtually unknown when I aimed at getting into the Walker Cup team, and I did just that."

Parkin won over £12,000 for 65th place in the Sperry order of merit for 1984.

Prize money at Open exceeds £500,000

The 1985 Open championship will exceed £500,000 in prize money for the first time when it is staged at Royal St George's, Sandwich, next July. The Royal and Ancient's championship committee yesterday announced a total prize fund of £520,000 – an increase of £70,000 on this year's event at St Andrew's, where the purse was increased by ten per cent after record crowds.

The winner of the 114th championship will receive £65,000, up by £10,000 on the sum collected by the Spaniard, Severiano Ballesteros, for his dramatic victory over Tom Watson, of the United States, on the Old Course last July.

The runner-up will get £43,000 and the third-placed player £32,500.

The increase represents a doubling of prize money over the last three years and all 150 players that compete in the open proper will be rewarded with a minimum of £375.

LEADING PRIZE MONEY: 1, £65,000; 2, £43,000; 3, £32,500; 4, £25,000; 5, £22,000; 6, £20,000; 7, £18,500; 8, £17,000; 9, £15,500; 10, £14,200

Greeks strike late to defeat Romania

Athens (Agencies) – Romania, members of England's World Cup qualifying group, suffered a setback here yesterday when they were beaten 2-1 by Greece in a warm-up match. Anastopoulos scored both the Greek goals, the first a penalty in the fiftieth minute, the second three minutes from the end after Mateusz had equalized on the hour.

● SOFIA: In group four of the World Cup qualifying competition Bulgaria beat Luxembourg 4-0 here yesterday and moved into second place behind France in the table. Their scorers were Sirakov, Velichkov, Mladenov and Dimitrov.

● PESCARA: Enzo Bearzot, the manager of Italy, yesterday announced his team to play Poland here on Saturday.

TEAM: F Tancredi (Roma); G Bergomi (Internazionale), A Cabrini (Juventus), S Bagni (Napoli), P Vierchowod (Sampdoria), U Righetti (Roma), B Conti (Roma), M Tardelli (Juventus), P Rossi (Juventus), A Di Gennaro (Verona), A Altobelli (Internazionale).

● WELLINGTON: Allan Jones, the manager of the New Zealand football side who toured Britain last month, has resigned after two years in the job. He is to become the technical director of the Oceania Soccer Federation. Kevin Fallon is likely to be Jones's replacement.

● SAARBRÜCKEN: Franz Beckenbauer, appointed the West German national manager in July for a 'transitional' two-year period, may stay on till 1990. The head of the national federation, Hermann Neuberger, said yesterday: "We have a contract with Franz Beckenbauer until 1986 and we have agreed that it will be extended if he is enjoying the job and is having success."

● SINGAPORE: The first world women's football championship will be played in 1987 somewhere in Asia, Joao Havelange, the president of FIFA, said here yesterday.

● BUENOS AIRES: Boca Juniors' stadium, due to be auctioned today to help meet the club's debts, has been granted a reprieve.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION: Liverpool 3, Coventry City 1; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Stoke City 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 0, West Ham 0; Portsmouth 0, Fulham 2; Swindon 2, Southampton 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 1, Liverpool 1; Derby 2, Stoke 1; Everton 3, Manchester City 1; Manchester United 3, Bradford City 1; Notts County 3, Huddersfield 1.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ulster Cup Final: Larne 2, Linfield 2 (aet, Linfield win 3-2 on penalties).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay 0, Walthamstow Avenue 3; Harrow Borough 3, Wokingham 0; Slough 1, Leytonstone and Ilford 1; Sutton United 1, Tooting and Mitcham 1. First division: Hornchurch 3, Metropolitan Police 0; Walton 2, Bromley 1; Wembley 2, Hampton 3. Second division north: Letchworth Garden City 1, Barton 1; Marlow 3, Haringey 2, Wolverton 0, Hemel Hempstead 2.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fisher 2, Gravesend and Northfleet 2. Southern division: Canterbury 4, Dover 0. Bill Dellow Cup, second round replay: Forest Green 2, Willenhall 1

FA VASE: Second round replay: Braintree 3, Newmarket 2.

Birtles sets date for his return

Garry Birtles, Nottingam Forest's England forward, could be back in first-team action much sooner than his manager, Brian Clough, expected. Birtles, aged 28, who has not played this season following a summer operation to cure persistent back trouble, aims to return before the new year.

Birtles has been in full training for a month, and is booked to see a specialist again on January 24, but has set the home match with Aston Villa on December 29 as his target.

"There is no reason why I should not be playing before the new year", Birtles said.

Mervyn Day has made his peace with his manager, Graham Turner. But the former England Under-23 goalkeeper still wants to leave Aston Villa. Day was suspended by the club last week after voicing strong views on the manager's decision to drop him to make way for Nigel Spink.

"After having spoken with Graham Turner at length this afternoon, I have apologized for making public statements which brought his integrity into question". Day said in an official statement.

Michael Cranston, chairman of the fourth division club, Southend United resigned yesterday. He took charge at Roots Hall in September, as the nominee of the majority shareholder, Anton Johnson, when he gained control of the club.

Bognor reject the percentage game



Football managers are rarely short of confidece and belief in their players. Jack Pearce, whose Bognor Regis Town side travel to Reading on Saturday in the second round of the FA Cup, does not let his profession down.

"Most of my side are too skilful for the third or fourth division", he said. "They're small, quick ball players and there's not much room for that kind of player in the lower divisions. They'd be more at home in the first or second division and probably the only reason they aren't there at the moment is because they are inconsistent.

"We only fully get our game together about eight times a season, but when we do we're a great team to watch. We don't play the normal non-League percentage game, with an organized defence playing long, early balls out to a couple of big forwards. We play it through the defence and midfield."

Bognor are fifth from bottom of the Isthmian League, premier division, but proved their potential in the first round. After holding Swansea City to a 1-1 draw in Wales, they comfortably won the replay 3-1 on their own ground. "Anyone who saw either of those games would confirm that we were the better team", Pearce said.

None of the present Bognor side have played in the League and most have never played for any other club, but Pearce believes their experiences as a team is an important factor. Although they have an average age of only 24, between them they have made more than 3,300 appearances for the club.

Bognor are through to the second round for the first time in their 101-year history. Pearce, now aged 36, played in their only previous appearance in the first round, when they lost 6-0 to Colchester United in 1972.

Pearce, who failed to make the grade as a youth player at Brighton, joined Bognor in 1970. He became player-manager at the age of 27, retired as a player two years later, and was appointed full time general manager four years ago. Paul Pullen, who scored twice in the replay against Swansea, works alongside him as assistant commercial manager. Bognor need every penny they can raise.

The present Cup run has been perfectly timed, for Bognor are belatedly celebrating their centenary. It has been thought that the club dated back to 1895, but earlier this year Pearce uncovered records in a London library which showed they were founded by local fishermen in 1883.

Paul Newman

BADMINTON

Frost in line for Japan

Tokyo (AFP) – About 100 players from 19 countries will gather in January for the Japan open championships.

Morten Frost and Kristen Larsen, of Denmark, the world's top ranked men's and women's players, are among those expected to compete, from January 22 to 27. The men's singles champion will collect $6,050 and the women's champion $4,840.

The countries who will be represented are England, Denmark, Scotland, Sweden, Australia, Indonesia, West Germany, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, New Zealand, India, South Korea, Canada, the United States, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China and Japan.

● Morten Frost is to play in the Hongkong open championships next month. The All-England open champion is to join Prakash Padukone (India), Misbun Sidek (Malaysia), Nick Yates (England) and many Chinese in the event, which runs from January 11 to 13.

The Chinese have entered five of their Thomas Cup team: the 1983 All-England champion, Luan Jin, Yang Yang, Tian Bingyi, Jiang Guoliang and He Shangquan. The Chinese women's team, holders of the Uber Cup, will include the world No 2, Han Aiping.

● Mike Tredgett has received the MBE from the Queen at a Buckingham Palace investiture. His England colleagues, Gillian Gilks and Nora Perry, have already received the award for services to badminton.

MOTOR RALLYING

Support for Balestre

Paris (AFP) – Jean-Marie Balestre, the man at the centre of the dispute over the calling-off of the Monte Carlo motor rally, won support yesterday when he was overwhelmingly reelected president of the French Motor Sport Federation until 1988. In October he was reelected president of FISA.

Guy Verrier, head of Citroen's competition section, annoyed by the Monte Carlo controversy and Balestre's joint powers, had intended to challenge Balestre's attempt to be reelected by the French federation for the fourth successive time, but he failed even to get reelected to the management committee.

BLOODSTOCK SALES

Sangster syndicate pay a million for Desirable

By Simon O'Loughlin

Desirable, third in this year's 1,000 Guineas, was sold for one million guineas at Newmarket last night. Offered from Barry Hills's stable, the three-year-old filly was knocked down to John Magnier, of Coolmore stud, acting on behalf of the Robert Sangster syndicate.

Sangster himself was not at the sale, opting instead for a London dining engagement. Magnier said the filly was unlikely to race again and would almost certainly be mated with one of the Coolmore stallions in 1985.

Desirable, who cost only IR10,000 guineas as a yearling, won the 1983 Cheveley Park Stakes and this victory was emulated this year by her half-sister, Park Appeal. Desirable is by the Irish National stud stallion Lord Gayle.

Desirable's dam, Balidaress, is owned by Kinderhill Farm, a bloodstock company based in New York State, and they earlier paid 600,000 guineas for Lord Porchester's Satinette, who was rated joint-third leading two-year-old filly in Europe last year.

The bidding for Satinette resolved into a duel between Joss Collins, acting for Kinderhill, and Timmy Hyde, of Camas Park stud in co Tipperary. But Collins and Hyde teamed up to buy the beautifully-bred three-year-old filly Puget Sound, winner of two races in 1984 for John Dunlop. Hyde is better known as one of the shrewdest foal buyers and this will be easily his most expensive mare.

Bob McCreery paid 360,000 guineas for Gerald Leigh's Olden Times mare Chapelle Blanche, a half sister to Beldale Flutter and the only mare in Europe to be offered at auction in foal to Shareef Dancer. McCreery was bidding for Bloodstock Breeders PLC.

AUNTY (4 years) ch f by Riverman – Aunt Zara (sold by Omar Sharif to Sheikh Nasser) 640,0000 gns

MONOGELIA (4) ch f by Welsh Pageant – Bird of Dawning (T F Brennan to Derrington Stud) 360,000 gns

MARIE ANTOINETTE (4) ch m by Habitat – Marlana: covered by Hello Gorgeous (Impshire Thoroughbreds Ltd to BBA (Ireland)) 320,000 gns

PLAY OUR SONG (4) br m by Persian Bold – Scented Air: covered by Golden Fleece (Dalsley Wood Stud Farm to Curragh BA) 220,000 gns

HEARTWOOD (4) bm by Hittite Glory – Cursorial: covered by Jalmood (J B Fenwick and Son to O Nichol) 215,000 gns

POPPIDUK (4) ch m by Quack – Popkins: covered by King's Lake (Thomastown Castle Stud to D Murray Smith) 180,000 gns

QUELLE CHANCE (3) b f by General Assembly – Take a Chance (Mr and Mrs J P Costelloe and John Warren Bloodstock) 175,000 gns

FRUITION (6) b m by Rheingold – Welsh Flame; covered by Lomond (Grange Farm to BBA) 150,000 gns

ALSHANDEGHA (3) b f by Alydar – Eyeshadow (Green Lodge Stables to Billy McDonald) 150,000 gns

EXOTIC (3) b f by Jaazeiro – Fusil (E B Moller to London Thoroughbred Sevices) 140,000 gns

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kinsey seeks move to amateur club

By Keith Macklin

Tony Kinsey, one of the players refusing to play for Fulham, claiming they are free agents, has asked to be reinstated as an amateur to play for a Widnes club. Kinsey, who can play in either backs of forwards, wishes to play for Lowerhouse in the North West Counties League of the British Amateur Rugby League Association.

Like the other absentee Fulham players, his claim to be a free agent comes from a recent High Court ruling to that effect which overruled the Rugby League council. However, BARLA have an agreement with the professional game, and the amateur association's national organizer, Maurice Oldroyd, will consult Rugby League headquarters before Kinsey can be considered.

Andrew Rippon, the Swinton full back, has been chosen in the Great Britain Under-21 squad to play the French Under-21s in Albi on December 16. Rippon, aged 19, turned professional only two months ago, signing for Swinton from a Warrington amateur club, Crosfields. He takes over at full back from the Wigan player, Edwards.

TEAM: A Ripper (Swinton); G Clark (Hull KR), G Schofield (Hull), V Gribbin (Whitehaven), A Currier (Widnes); D Creasser (Leeds), D Fox (Featherstone); L Crooks (Hull, captain), P Groves (Salford), S Wane (Wigan), R Powell (Leeds), A Platt (St Helens), M Gregor (Warrington). Substitutes: M Conway (Leeds), P Round (St Helens).

SQUASH RACKETS

Armley raised by crowd to beat tough Tyrella

By Colin McQuillan

Tyrella, the tough professional squad from Southampton, who dominated last year's club competitions, appear to have lost contact with the leadership of the new American Ezpress national premier league, after narrowly losing at full strength to the low-ranked Armley team from Leeds.

An excited and packed audence, which included Fred Trueman, raised the lower order Armley players to snatch back a match apparently secured for Tyrella by Stuart Davenport, the New Zealand champion, and Philip Kenyon, the British champion.

Davenport needed more than an hour, to overcome John Le Lievre in four games. Kenyon quickly disposed of Ian Robinson, a former national champion, but Neal Harvey, the former England No 5, dogged this season by groin injuries, succumbed quickly under the aggression of Bryan Beeson at third string to lose 2-9, 2-9, 1-9 and let Armley back into the match.

With Mick Brooke beating Grant Miller at Fifth string, everything rested on a 95-minute encounter between Chris McManus and Martin Shaw that eventually fell to Armley 10-8, in the fifth game in a crescendo of applause.

In less frantic conditions at Leiceter race course, Dunnings Mill found that even with Hiddy Jahan away in Pakistan the Squash Leicester side was still determined to stay among the leaders of the lague. Only Ricki Hill, fo Australia, salvage a tie for the East Grinstead team, beating Ashley Naylor in four games.

RESULTS: Armley (Leeds) 3, Tyrella (Southampton) 2; Squash Leicester 4, Dunnings Mill (East Grinstead) 1. League standings: 1, Manchester Northern, 40pts; 2, Squash Leicester, 37; 3, Cannons (London), 32; 4, Edgbaston Priory, 31; 5, Tyrella, 27; 6, Armley, 22; 7, Nottingham, 21; 8, Redwood Lodge (Bristol), 13; 9, Dunnings Mill, 8.

SKIING

Lack of snow has forced the World Cup Alpine skiing organizers to alter their programme. The latest change involves the two men's events originally scheduled for Kranjska Gora in Yugoslavia, which have been moved to Sestriere, Italy.

REVISED PROGRAMME: Men: Dec 10: Sestriere, Italy, slalom. Dec 11: Sestriere, giant slalom. Dec 15: Val Gardena, Italy, downhill. Dec 16: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, slalom. Dec 17: Madonna di Campiglio, Super G. Dec 21: Bormio, Italy, downhill. Dec 22: Bormio, downhill.

Women: Dec 8: Davos, Switzerland, Super G. Dec 9: Davos, slalom. Dec 13: Santa Catarina, Italy, downhill. Dec 15: Piancavallo, Italy slalom. Dec 15: Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia, giant slalom.

IN BRIEF

Hagler defends against Hearns in $10m contest

New York (Reuter) – Marvin Hagler will defend his World Boxing Association middleweight crown against the World Boxing Council super-welterweight champion, Thomas Hearns, in Las Vegas on April 15. A press conference will be held in New York on December 13 to formally announce the bout, which is expected to be held at Caesar's Palace.

Both Americans are expected to receive their biggest payday ever – about $5 million apiece – for the 15-round contest. Hearns, beaten only once in 41 professional fights and that against Sugar Ray Leonard, will be seeking his third world title having previously held the WBA welterweight crown. Hagler, the undisputed middleweight champion before being stripped of his WBC title recently, has not been beaten since 1976.

WRESTLING: The Swedish Wrestling Federation is to meet today to discuss reports that their national coach, Leo Honkala, knew three months before the Los Angeles Olympic Games that the super-heavyweight, Thomas Johansson, had taken drugs. Johansson was stripped of his silver medal after failing a dope test in Los Angeles.

MOTOR RACING: Next year's British motor racing grand prix at Silverstone has been put back 24 hours from its traditional Saturday date to Sunday, July 21, to accommodate BBC television coverage

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finals: Group A: PAOK Thessalonika 72, Shalgins Kaunos (USSR) 78; CAI Zaragoza 97, Landes Und Gyr (Austria) 93. Group B: Barcelona 85, Juventus Indesit Caserta (It) 94, Hapoel Tel Aviv 79, ASVEL Villeurbanne (Fr) 83

KORAC CUP: SC Moderne Le Mans 97, Birraperoni Livorno 88; Ans Thessalonika 106, Caja Madrid 100

UNITED STATES National Association (NBA): New York Knicks 100, Denver Nuggets 98; Chicago Bulls 112, New Jersey Nets 97, Los Angeles Lakers 116, Cleveland Cavilers 112; Detroit Pistons 104, Boston Celtics 99; Los Angeles Clippers 116, Houston Rockets 100; San Antonio Spurs 114, Atlanta Hawks 106; Utah Jazz 107, Golden State Warriors 105; Portland Trail Blazers 112, Phoenix Suns 104.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Group four: Bulgaria 4, Luxembourg 0.

Group four:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Bulgaria	3	1	1	1	4	1	3
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
E Germany	2	1	0	1	7	3	2
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	0	13	0

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 0, Norwich City 0. Postponed: Reading v Crystal Palace

MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Northampton Town 1, Southend United 5

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Challenge round: Hull 2, Brunel 1 (aet); Loughborough 5, Lancaster 1; Southampton 4, Leeds 1, Sheffield 2, Warwick 1, Cardiff 2, Durham 5.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern Amateur League 1, Old Boys League 1.

INTERNATIONAL: Greece 2, Romania 1.

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA CHALLENGE CUP: Uganda 4, Zimbabwe 1.

ASIAN CUP: GROUP B: Singapore 0, China 2.

FRIENDLY: Mogreb (Mor) 1, Moscow Torpedo 2.

CYPRIOT LEAGUE: Alki 2, Pezoporikos; AEL 0, Salamina 0; EPA 1, Omonia 1; Olympiakos 0, Apadippou 1; Aris 2, Apollon 2; Paralimni 8, Evagoras 0, Anorthosis 1, Apoel 1. Leading positions (after 8 matches): 1, Omonia, 13pts; Anorthosis 12; 3, Alki 10.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Cologne 3, Bayer Leverkusen 1. Cup, third round: Bayern Munich 1, Waldhof Mannheim 0.

SQUASH RACKETS

PREMIER LEAGUE: Armley 3, Tyrella 2, Leicester 4, Dunnings Mill 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Washington Capitals 4, New Jersey Devils 1, Detroit Red Wings 7, Toronto Maple Leafs 5; Winnipeg Jets 2, St Louis Blues 2 (OT); Minnesota North Stars 2, Los Angeles Kings 2 (OT).

ICE SKATING

MOSCOW: International competition: Men's compulsory figures: (USSR unless stated): 1, A Fadeyev 0.6pts, 2, V Yegorov 1.2, 3, V Kotin 1.8; 4, V Petrenko 2.4, 5, G Vardanyan 3.0; 6, L Kaznakov 3.6, 7, F Kirsten (EG) 4.2, 8, A Bourgeois (Fr) 4.8, 9, A Forbes (Can) 5.4, 10, A Refremov 6.0

YACHTING

TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE RACE: Leading positions after four days (France unless stated): 1, Fleury Michon; 2, Royale; 3, Charente Maritime; 4, Credit Agricole; 5, Formule Tag (Can); 6, Medecins sans Frontieres; 7, Roger et Gallet; 8, Sofab Soconav (Can); 9, Region de Picardie; 10, British Airways (GB)

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finals: Group A: Paok Thessalonika 72, Shalgiris Kaunos 78. Group B: Barcelona 95, SC Juventus Caserta 94. KORAC CUP: SC Moderne Le Mans 97, Birrageroni Livorno 88

SQUASH RACKETS

PREMIER LEAGUE: Armley 3, Tyrella 2; Leicester 4, Dunnings Mill 1

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: United Bank 15, Civil Service 9.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Challenge round: Manchester 17, Sheffield 10; Durham 18, Birmingham 17; Loughborough 43, UMIST 3, Brunel 9, Leicester 13.

TOUR MATCH: Glasgow 12, Australia 26

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Oxfordshire Under 18 14, Berkshire Under 18 0; The Leys 15, Bishop's Stortford 10; Welbeck 12, QEGS, Wakefield 6.

HOCKEY

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Challenge round: UMIST 1, Leicester 3; Bristol 3, Keele 1; Leeds 1, Exeter 4, Cardiff 1, Nottingham 2; Surrey 5, Newcastle 3; Durham 2, Birmingham 1, Loughborough 6, Southampton 0. Women: Essex 2, University College London 1, Exeter 3, Warwick 1; Leeds 2, Surrey 1; Aberystwyth 1, Sheffield 0; Loughborough 4, Lancaster 1; Cardiff 0, Durham 3; Manchester 4, Bristol 3 (after penalty flicks).

CRICKET

Gatting confirms stature after England stumble

From Richard Streeton
Poona

Disappointed Indian spectators threw bottles on to the outfield and delayed play for 17 minutes before England went on to complete victory in the first one-day international here yesterday. For the second tie in 72 hours. Gatting redeemed failure by other batsmen. This time his magnificent unbeaten 115 brought England a win by four wickets, with 10 balls to spare.

India, thanks in the main to a sparkling century by Vengsarkar, reached 214 for six wickets from the 45 overs managed by England, chose to field first. When England slumped to 129 for six after 30 overs, the crowd sensed an Indian triumph. Gatting, though, had other ideas. He and Downton steered England to their win, sharing a stand of 86 as they drew heavily on their experience of the limited-overs game. Gatting's command and judgement are emphasized by the fact that he faced 135 balls, hit 12 fours and no fewer than 44 singles.

When England were seven runs short of success, with 20 balls left, the first bottles sailed over the high wire fences into the field. It made it impossible for Binny to remain at long leg. The police presence seemed to increase the bottle-throwing and in the end they withdrew.

Finally play was able to resume and England quickly won as police moved into the public enclosures in force.

Carefully finding the gaps, Gatting drove, pulled and swept with the utmost certainty. He beat his previous highest one-day international score of 96, made against Australia in 1980 at Edgbaston, and, following his first Test hundred on Sunday, confirmed his stature as England's best batsman at the moment.

Vengsarkar became the third Indian, behind Kapil Dev and Shastri, to make a one-day international hundred, and the first to do so against England. Kapil Dev, incidentally, was unable to play because of an injured finger.

Vengsarkar and Srikkanth scored at more than six an over towards the end of their second-wicket stand, but India were unable to maintain the run-rate or to mount the closing assault that is so important on these occasions. England began well but sometimes looked a ragged side towards the end of the Indian innings, with several catches going down. England were unfortunate that Cowans, in his sixth over, turned his ankle as he sprawled in his follow-through trying to stop a straight drive by Vengsarkar.

Cowans bowled two more overs at reduced page before going off for treatment and did not bowl again. Gower was another casualty. He fielded a hit by Shastri and the ball jumped off a rough patch and hit him in the face. He was led off with blood streaming from his nose and later batted with a plaster over it.


Gatting: innings of command and judgement

England must have been delighted when Foster, in his first over, caused Gavaskar to drag a ball into his wicket from outside the off stump. Srikkanth, with a mixture of splendid drives and licky snicks through the vacant slips. Then helped Vensarkar put on 118. England came back into the picture when Srikkanth and Patil were out in rapid succession. Srikkanth gave Edmonds the charge and missed the ball; Patil was run out by a direct throw to the bowler's and from Cowans at long-off as he and Vengsarkar sought a second run against Marks.

Vengsarkar on-drove Marks for a splendid six but the same bowler missed return catches from him, one an extremely hard chance, at 77 and 85. Vengsarkar was also dropped by Robinson at extra cover off Marks when he was 83. In the fortyfith and final over of India's innings, Yashpal and Shastri holed out to midwicket.

Fowler was caught at wide mid-on as he tried to force Chetan Sharma off his legs, in the England innings's third over. Ghai landed a yorker on Robinson's boot in the ninth over and then Lamb mistimed a drive and gave Parbhakar a straightforward return catch in the twelfth over.

Gatting looked in good order from the start and he and Marks missed nothing between the wickets. Their promising fourth-wicket stand ended when Gatting swept a ball from Shastri to backward square leg, where Ghai partially misfielded. The fieldsman recovered quickly and Marks failed to beat the return to the wicketkeeper.

Gower fell in the next over. He failed to move his feet as he drove rather loosely against Binny and Shastri took a good catch at shoulder-height to his left at deep backward point. Almost immediately, Ellison was run out, and rather unedifying it was too. Gatting swept Shastri to backward square leg again and this time Yashpal Sharma was the fieldsman. Ellison had charged down the wicket and he and Gatting were at the same end as Yashpal returned the ball to the bowler's end.

Scoreboard

INDIA

K Srikkanth b Edmonds	50
*S M Gavaskar b Foster	0
D B Vengsarkar b Ellison	105
S M Patil run out	2
V Sharma c Ellison b Foster	37
R J Shastri c Ellison b Foster	11
R M H Binny not out	0
Extras (lb-2, w-7)	9
Total (6 wkts)	214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-119, 3-125, 4-186, 5-212, 6-214.

BOWLING: Cowans 8-0-32-0; Foster 10-0-44-3; Ellison 7-0-44-1; Marks 10-0-48-0; Edmonds 10-0-45-1.

ENGLAND

G Fowler c Yashpal Sharma b Chetan Sharma	5
R T Robinson l-b-w, b Ghai	15
M W Gatting not out	115
A J Lamb c and b Prabhakar	3
V J Marks run out	31
*D I Gower c Shastri b Binny	3
R M Ellison run out	4
†P R Downton not out	27
Extras (lb-8, nb-4)	12
Total (6 wkts)	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-43, 3-47, 4-114, 5-117, 6-129.

BOWLING: Chetan Sharma 8.2-0-50-1; Prabakar 10-1-27-1; Ghai 9-0-38-1; Binny 8-0-43-1; Shastri 8-0-49-0.

P H Edmonds, N G Cowans and N A Foster did not bat.

Border asks for team's best effort

Sydney (Reuter) – Allan Border, given the task of reviving Astralia's cricket fortunes, admits he has no formula for halting the rampant West Indians. He will take neither new faces nor new ideas into the third Test starting in Adelaide tomorrow.

Border, aged 29, was elevated to the captancy of an unchanged Test team early yesterday. He takes charge of side whose moral has been severely shaken by heavy defeats in the first two Tests and, following the second of these, Kim Hughes' dramatic resignation. West Indies won the first Test in Perth by an innings and 112 runs and the second Test in Brisbane by eight wickets.

"I don't think we've performed as well as we can," Border said. "I hope we'll play at our absolute best and they will drop a notch or two."

West Indies will name their side today after a final look at the pitch, Lloyd said.

AUSTRALIA: A Border (captain), R Hogg, G Wood, K Wessels, K Hughes, D Boon, J Dyson, W Phillips, G Lawson, T Alderman, B Holland, M Bennett.

● BAHAWALPUR: Tight bowling by all six New Zealand bowlers reduced the Punjab Governor's XI to 143 for six in their first innings at the close of the second day of their three-day match here yesterday (Reuter reports).

Anwar Miandad, the younger brother of the former Pakistan captain, Javed Miandad, was not out 28 at stumps after Masood Iqbal was out to the last ball from the left-arm spinner, Evan Gray.

The New Zealanders resumed at 191 for two and added another 100 runs before declaring at 291 for four.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Edgar b Tahir	23
F J Gray b Tahir	56
*J V Coney l-b-w b Mohsin	79
J J Crowe c Shaukat b Mohsin	49
P E McEwan not out	33
J F Reid not out	13
Extras (b 8, l-b 9, w 10, n-b 11)	38
Total (4 wkts dec)	291

B L Cairns, J G Bracewell, M C Snedden, S I Boock and E J Chatfield to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-129, 3-203, 4-258.

BOWLING: Mohsin Kamal 24-2-75-2; Atiq 10-1-39-0; Tahir 22-5-64-2; Altaf 19-6-56-0; Anwar 16-6-29-0; Mohsin Khan 1-0-6-0; Sajid 1-0-5-0.

PUNJAB GOVERNOR'S XI: First Innings

*Mohsin Khan c Snedden b Chatfield	36
Sajid Ali l-b-w b Snedden	4
Sultan Rana c J Crowe b Cairns	6
Shaukat Mirza c Cairns b Boock	51
Mansoor Rana l-b-w b Bracewell	1
Anwar Miandad not out	28
Masood Iqbal c Snedden b Gray	4
Extras (b 1, l-b 1, w 4, n-b 7)	13
Total (6 wkts)	143

Tahir Naqqash, Mohsin Kamal, Atiq-Ur-Rehman and Mohammad Altaf to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-48, 3-75, 4-98, 5-134, 6-143.

BOWLING (to date): Snedden 5-0-38-1; Cairns 6-1-24-1; Chatfield 6-1-18-1; Bracewell 16-5-32-1; Boock 7-1-14-1; Gray 18-8-14-1.

No-balls and wides debited to bowlers' analysis.

Tour and county fixtures for 1985 season

Four-day matches on trial next summer

By Marcus Williams

Four-day cricket, for which a sizable lobby exists among current county players, will be given a practical test for the first time in England in 1985. The experiment was requested by the Australians, whose inter-state Sheffield Shield competition consists of four-day matches, and eight of their 15 fixtures with the counties will be of this extended duration.

The matches – against Sussex, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Hampshire, Essex, Northamptonshire, Middlesex and Kent – are all scheduled from Saturday to Tuesday, although should four days ever be adopted for county cricket, the arrangements would have to be modified to retain the lucrative John Player League on Sundays. The only previous four-day matches involving county sides were the now defunct encounters between the champions and the Rest of England, played at the Oval after the end of the regular season. Between 1906 and 1947 an extra day was added to the usual three because the fading light of mid-September necessitated an earlier close of play.

The Australian tour opens on May 5 in the delightful setting of Arundel Castle with a one-day match against the Duchess of Norfolk's XI and will include six Test matches, sponsored by Cornhill Insurance, and three one-day internationals for the Texaco Trophy. The remaining county games are either one-day or three-day and the crowded programme means that at least two counties out of Lancashire, Warwickshire, Yorkshire and Glamorgan will not face the touring side.

During June and July Zimbabwe will make their inaugural first-class tour of England as they prepare to defend the ICC Trophy in 1986. Apart from their splended victory over Australia in the 1983 Prudential World Cup they have beaten Sri Lanka, Young Australians, Young West Indians and Young Indians; next summer they will be seeking more scalps among seven first-class counties in a 15-match itinerary, which has not yet been finalized.

The domestic competitions follow the pattern of recent seasons, with each team continuing to play 24 matches in the county championship, sponsored by Britannic Assurance, in a programme that begins on April 27 and will not end until September 17. The format allows counties to meet only half of their opponents home and away each season and one of the upshots in 1985 is that for only the second time since 1871 Yorkshire will not play Middlesex in London. New ground, however, is broken by Derbyshire with a John Player League game in July at Knypersley, which Staffordshire use for Minor Counties fixtures, and Lancashire have a three-day match in August at Lytham St Annes.

April

20–FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex
The Parks: Oxford University v Somerset
24–FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
Lord's: MCC v Essex
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan
27–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
*Chelmsford: Essex v Warwickshire
*Southampton: Hampshire v Kent
*Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
*Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
*The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
OTHER MATCH
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Gloucestershire

May

1–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex
The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire
4–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Kent
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Combined Universities
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
Aberdeen (Mannofield): Scotland v Derbyshire
Shrewsbury: Minor Counties v Somerset
5–TOUR MATCH
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Australians (one day)
JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Kent
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset
Bradford: Yorkshire v Middlesex
8–TOUR MATCH
Taunton: Somerset v Australians
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Galmorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Sussex
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire
11–TOUR MATCH
*Worcester: Worcestershire v Australians
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Minor Counties
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Middlesex
Glasgow (Titwood): Scotland v Nottinghamshire
12–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
14–TOUR MATCH
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Australians (one day)
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Scotland
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
Hove: Sussex v Middlesex
15–TOUR MATCH
The Oval: Surrey v Australians (one day)
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
Canterbury: Kent v Minor Counties
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Scotland
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
The Parks: Combined Universities v Sussex
18–TOUR MATCH
*Hove: Sussex v Australians (four days)
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Combined Universities
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
Bradford: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
Reading: Minor Counties v Hampshire
19–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
22–TOUR MATCH
Lord's: MCC v Australians
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Essex
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Worcestershire
25–TOUR MATCH
*Derby: Derbyshire v Australians (four days)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
*Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
*Worcestershire: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
26–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Kent
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
29–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Headingley: Yorkshire v Somerset
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Kent
30–TEXACO TROPHY
Old Trafford: England v Australia (first one-day international)

June

1–TEXACO TROPHY
Edgbaston: England v Australia (second one-day international)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire
Horsham: Sussex v Surrey
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Hampshire
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Lancashire
2–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire
Horsham: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Hampshire
3–TEXACO TROPHY
Lord's: England v Australia (third one-day international)
5–TOUR MATCH
Headingley: Yorkshire v Australians (or Warwickshire or Lancashire depending on Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals)
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Quarter-finals
8–TOUR MATCHES:
*Leicester: Leicestershire v Australians (four days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Zimbabwe
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Ilford: Essex v Lancashire
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Bath: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
OTHER MATCH
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Surrey
9–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Ilford: Essex v Lancashire
Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan v Worstershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire
Bath: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Sussex
12–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex
Ilford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Middlesex
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Gloucestershire
Hinckley: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Bath: Somerset v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Worcestershire
The Parks: Oxford University v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCH
Worcester: Worcestershire II v Zimbabwe (two days)
13–FIRST TEST MATCH
HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
14–TOUR MATCH
Aldershot: Combined Services v Zimbabwe (one day)
15–COUNTY CHAMPIONSIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
OTHER MATCHES
The Parks: Oxford University v Warwickshire
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v MCC
16–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Swansea: Glamorgan v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent
Bath: Somerset v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
17–TOUR MATCH
Taunton: Somerset v Zimbabwe (one day)
19–BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Semi-finals
TOUR MATCH
First-Class county not in Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals v Zimbabwe
OTHER MATCH
Harrogate: Tilcon Trophy
20–TOUR MATCH
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Australians (one day)
OTHER MATCH
Harrogate: Tilcon Trophy.
21–OTHER MATCH
Harrogate: Tilcon Trophy (final)
22–TOUR MATCHES
*Southampton: Hampshire v Australians (four days)
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Zimbabwe
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset
*Harrogate: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v MCC
23–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Luton: Northamptonshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset
26–TOUR MATCH
Coatbridge: Scotland v Zimbabwe
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey
Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex
Bradford: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
27–SECOND TEST MATCH
LORD'S: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
29–TOUR MATCH
*Cleethorpes: Minor Counties v Zimbabwe
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
*Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire
Hastings: Sussex v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
OTHER MATCH
Taunton: Somerset v Cambridge University
30–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Essex
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
Hastings: Sussex v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire

July

3–NATWEST TROPHY, first round
Luton (Wardown Park): Bedfordshire v Gloucestershire
Birkenhead (Oxton): Cheshire v Yorkshire
Derby: Derbyshire v Durham
Chelmsford: Essex v Oxfordshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Berkshire
Hitchin: Hertfordshire v Worcestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Cumberland
Norwich: Norfolk v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Staffordshire
Edinburgh (Myreside): Scotland v Glamorgan
Telford (St Georges): Shropshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Buckinghamshire
Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Lancashire
Hove: Sussex v Ireland
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Devon
UNIVERSITY MATCH
Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge
6–TOUR MATCHES
*Chelmsford: Essex v Australians (four days)
Venue undecided: Wales v Zimbabwe
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Liverpool: Lancashire v Hampshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
7–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Knypersley: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Hampshire
Tring: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
10–TOUR MATCH
Venue undecided: League Cricket Conference v Zimbabwe (two or three days)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Southend: Essex v Somerset
Swansea: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Sussex
Maidstone: Kent v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
11–THIRD TEST MATCH
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
13–TOUR MATCH
Hove: Sussex v Zimbabwe (one day)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Southend: Essex v Gloucestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Worcestershire
Maidstone: Kent v Northamptonshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Nuneaton: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Surrey
14–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Southend: Essex v Gloucestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Worcestershire
Maidstone: Kent v Northamptonshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Hull or Bradford: Yorkshire v Surrey
17–TOUR MATCH
Venue undecided: Kent or Surrey v Zimbabwe
NATWEST TROPHY, second round
Bedford or Bristol: Bedfordshire or Gloucestershire v Shropshire or Northamptonshire
Birkenhead or Headingley: Cheshire or Yorkshire v Somerset or Buckinghamshire
Chelmsford or venue undecided: Essex or Oxfordshire v Middlesex or Cumberland
Southampton or Reading: Hampshire or Berkshire v Norfolk or Leicestershire
Canterbury or The Oval: Kent or Surrey v Derbyshire or Durham
Trent Bridge or venue undecided: Nottinghamshire or Staffordshire v Warwickshire or Devon
Venue undecided or Cardiff: Scotland or Glamorgan v Sussex or Ireland
Venue undecided or Old Trafford: Suffolk or Lancashire v Hertfordshire or Worcestershire
18–TOUR MATCH
Jesmond: Minor Counties v Australians (one day)
20–BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Lord's: FINAL
TOUR MATCHES
*Neath: Glamorgan v Australians (or Warwickshire if Glamorgan in Benson and Hedges Cup Final)
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Zimbabwe (will start on Sunday if Gloucestershire in Benson and Heges Cup Final)
21–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Somerset
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Guildford: Surrey v Nottinghamshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex
24–TOUR MATCHES
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Australians
Leicester: Leicestershire v Zimbabwe
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
Dartford: Kent v Essex
Southport: Lancashire v Surrey
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Hereford: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
27–TOUR MATCH
*Northampton: Northamptonshire v Australians (four days)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Lancashire
Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Essex
Guildford: Surrey v Hampshire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
28–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Essex
Eastbourne: Sussex v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
31–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Kent
Bradford: Yorkshire v Derbyshire

August

1–FOURTH TEST MATCH
Old Trafford: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
3–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Surrey
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
*Swansea: Glamorgan v Kent
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire
4–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Surrey
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire
7–NATWEST TROPHY
Quarter-finals
8–TOUR MATCH
Downpatrick: Ireland v Australians (one day)
10–TOUR MATCH
*Lord's: Middlesex v Australians (four days)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Derbyshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
11–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Colchester: Essex v Derbyshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
UNDER-25 COMPETITION
Semi-finals (or August 18)
14–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Buxton: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Colchester: Essex v Sussex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Warwickshire
Lytham St Annes: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
*Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire
15–FIFTH TEST MATCH
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
17–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Wellingborough: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Kent
18–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Wellingborough: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Kent
UNDER-25 COMPETITION
Semi-finals (if not played August 11)
21–NATWEST TROPHY
Semi-finals
OTHER MATCH
Glasgow (Titwood): Scotland v MCC
24–TOUR MATCH
*Canterbury: Kent v Australians (four days)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
Swansea: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
Hove: Sussex v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
25–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Heanor: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
UNDER-25 COMPETITION
Final
28–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Kent
29–SIXTH TEST MATCH
THE OVAL: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
31–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Folkestone: Kent v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

September

1–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Surrey
Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex
Folkestone: Kent v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
4–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Folkestone: Kent v Hampshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset
ASDA CHALLENGE
Scarborough: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
5–ASDA CHALLENGE
Scarborough: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
6–ASDA CHALLENGE
Scarborough: Final
7–NATWEST TROPHY
LORD'S: FINAL
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire (or September 11 if either county in NatWest Trophy Final)
8–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire
OTHER MATCH
Scarborough: International match (three days)
11–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire (if not played Sept 7)
*Scarborough: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
14–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
15–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

*Denotes Sunday play in three-day or four-day matches

Other matches at Lord's

Jul 6 – Eton v Harrow (one day)
Jul 24 – MCC Schools v National Association of Young Cricketers (two days)
Jul 25 – NCA Young Cricketers v Combined Services (one day)
Aug 28 – MCC v Ireland (two days)
Aug 31 – William Younger Cup final
Sep 1 – Samuel Whitbread village championship final

Minor counties competitions

EASTERN DIVISION

May

26–Lincolnshire v Hertfordshire (Sleaford); Northumberland v Bedfordshire (Jesmond).
28–Cumberland v Bedfordshire (Netherfield, Kendal); Durham v Hertfordshire (Hartlepool).
30–Staffordshire v Hertfordshire (West Bromwich).

June

9–Cumberland v Cambridgeshire (Millom).
10–Bedfordshire v Staffordshire (Henlow).
11–Northumberland v Cambridgeshire (Jesmond).
19–Cambridgeshire v Norfolk (Wisbech); Staffordshire v Lincolnshire (Leek).
23–Lincolnshire v Cumberland (Bourne); Northumberland v Norfolk (Jesmond).
25–Durham v Norfolk (South Shields); Hertfordshire v Cumberland (Hitchin).

July

6–Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire (St Albans).
7–Lincolnshire v Durham (Burghley Park).
8–Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire (Bishop's Stortford).
10–Staffordshire v Northumberland (Newcastle under Lyme).
14–Cumberland v Staffordshire (Barrow, if neither side in English Estates Trophy final).
18–Suffolk v Cambridgeshire (Bury St Edmunds).
21–Durham v Northumberland (Chester-le-Street); Lincolnshire v Norfolk (Lincoln).
23–Suffolk v Hertfordshire (Ipswich, GRE).
24–Staffordshire v Durham (Stone).
28–Northumberland v Lincolnshire (Jesmond); Suffolk v Cumberland (Framlingham College).
30–Norfolk v Cumberland (Lakenham).
31–Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire (March).

August

2–Norfolk v Bedfordshire (Lakenham).
5–Norfolk v Staffordshire (Lakenham).
7–Norfolk v Hertfordshire (Lakenham); Suffolk v Staffordshire (Mildenhall).
9–Norfolk v Suffolk (Lakenham).
11–Bedfordshire v Lincolnshire (Bedford Town); Cumberland v Durham (Carlisle).
12–Suffolk v Northumberland (Ipswich, Ransomes).
14–Hertfordshire v Northumberland (Hertford); Staffordshire v Cambridgeshire (Brewood).
18–Bedfordshire v Durham (Luton Town); Lincolnshire v Suffolk (Grimsby, Ross); Northumberland v Cumberland (Jesmond).
20–Cambridgeshire v Durham (Fenner's)
25–Bedfordshire v Suffolk (Southill Park)
28–Cambridgeshire v Lincolnshire (Fenner's); Durham v Suffolk (Stockton on Tees).

WESTERN DIVISION

June

10–Cheshire v Cornwall (Nantwich).
12–Shropshire v Cornwall (Newport).
23–Cheshire v Somerset II (Chester, Broughton Hall).
25–Shropshire v Somerset II (Wellington).
27–Somerset II v Buckinghamshire (Street, Victoria Club).

July

7–Oxfordshire v Cheshire (Oxford, Christ Church); Buckinghamshire v Shropshire (Slough).
9–Wiltshire v Cheshire (Chippenham).
14–Cornwall v Devon* (Troon); Dorset v Buckinghamshire (Bournemouth CC); Oxfordshire v Berkshire (Morris Motors)
18–Devon v Dorset (Sidmouth)
21–Oxfordshire v Buckinghamshire (St Edward's School); Cornwall v Berkshire (Falmouth); Cheshire v Dorset (Toft).
22–Wiltshire v Somerset II (Devizes).
23–Devon v Berkshire (Newton Abbot); Shropshire v Dorset (St George's, Oakengates).
28–Berkshire v Wiltshire (venue undecided); Oxfordshire v Shropshire (Oxford, Christ Church).
29–Cornwall v Buckinghamshire (Truro).
30–Wiltshire v Shropshire (Swindon).
31–Devon v Buckinghamshire (Exmouth).

August

1–Berkshire v Dorset (Reading).
4–Shropshire v Cheshire (Shrewsbury).
5–Somerset II v Devon (Yeovil, Westland's).
7–Dorset v Somerset II (Sherborne School); Wiltshire v Oxfordshire (Trowbridge).
11–Buckinghamshire v Cheshire (Monks Risborough, Molins SC); Berkshire v Shropshire (Reading School).
12–Wiltshire v Dorset (Bemerton, Salisbury); Cornwall v Oxfordshire (Wadebridge).
13–Berkshire v Cheshire (Kidmore End).
14–Devon v Oxfordshire (Torquay).
15–Somerset II v Berkshire (Taunton).
18–Buckinghamshire v Wiltshire (High Wycombe); Dorset v Oxfordshire (Bournemouth, Dean Park).
20–Dorset v Cornwall (Bournemouth, Dean Park); Cheshire v Devon (Bowdon); Somerset II v Oxfordshire (Bristol, Imperial Ground).
22–Shropshire v Devon (Bridgnorth); Somerset II v Cornwall (Weston-super-Mare, Devonshire Road).
25–Buckinghamshire v Berkshire (Amersham); Cornwall v Wiltshire (Bovey Tracey).

*Conditional upon these sides not reaching the final of the English Estates Trophy.

ENGLISH ESTATES TROPHY

QUALIFYING ROUND: May 19 – Lincolnshire v Northumberland (Market Rasen); Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire (Watford); Shropshire v Oxfordshire (Bridgnorth).

FIRST ROUND: June 2 – Berkshire v Shropshire or Oxfordshire (Bracknell); Cambridgeshire v Suffolk (Fenner's); Cumberland v Cheshire (Workington); Devon v Wiltshire (Exeter); Dorset v Cornwall (Bournemouth, Dean Park); Durham v Lincolnshire or Northumerland (Chester-le-Street); Hertfordshire or Bedfordshire v Norfolk (Potters Bar or venue undecided); Staffordshire v Buckinghamshire (Longton).

Red roses for Washbrook on reaching 70 not out

Cyril Washbrook, who is 70 today, does not believe in retirment. He played first-class cricket until he was 49 – having been recalled by England at 41 – and will celebrate his birthday behind his office desk in Manchester. The competitiveness that was apparent in his batting has not left him.

Washbrook was the less celebrated half of England's finest opening partnership since the Second War. His partner was, of course, Len Hutton. If there was rivalry between them, there was also accord. They did not run each other out, nor did either hog the strike. "We had complete confidence in each other's ability", Washbrook recalls.

He was, and is, Lancastrian to the core. The red rose in his cap tilted at a particularly janmty angle. His career, before Hitler rudely interrupted it, coincided with a time when domination by Lancashire and Yorkshire of county cricket in the north was unquestioned.

Where Hutton was taller and possessed a freer range of strokes, Washbrook relied more on cross-batted shots, in particular the square-cut and the hook. Long leg would be stationed that little bit squarer.

He was not intimidated by fast bowling nor, he says, would he be now. "I thought Maurice Leyland put it rather well when he said, 'None of us likes it but some of us puts up with it better than others.' There is more short-pitched stuff around now, but the bowlers are no faster than the ones we faced, such as Lindwall and Miller.

"I would not have worn a helmet. I got inside the line and had a go at the short deliveries. If I made 500 runs a year playing the hook and was out to it five times I did not worry."


Washbrook: the competitor

Washbrook is one of a surprisingly large number of batsmen whose Test average is higher than that over their entire career: 42.81 from 66 innings. He first played for England in 1937 but it was not until much later that he left a mark on Test cricket.

In 1948-9 he made 195 and shared a partnership of 359 with Hutton against South Africa at Johannesburg – still England's record stand for the first wicket. Little more than a year later his Test career came to an abrupt, seemingly permanent halt. Yet in 1956, at the age of 41 and when an England selector, he was recalled.

There were, inevitably, those who said it was a retrograde step. They were proved wrong. Washbrook, coming in at 17 for three, stayed to take 98 off Australia. He played in two more Tests.

By then, Washbrook was Lancashire's first professional captain. He was a firm, if benevolent disciplinarian but was, perhaps, too remote and even austere for the liking of the younger players. His teams lacked balance and, consequently, success. At least, though, he escaped the strictures of the Lancashire committee member who would instruct Washbrook's predecessors on who was to open the bowling that day.

Washbrook's benefit in 1948 realized £14,000, which was a record sum. He will have put it to good use, for he is a shrewd business man. Now, when not working in his sports outfitters, he is to be seen at Old Trafford, where he sits on Lancashire's committee. The red rose will be flying proudly there today.

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TENNIS

Painful defeat for Lendl

Melbourne (Reuter) – The chances of Mats Wilander retaining the Australian Open title were immeasurably improved yesterday when three of the top five seeds, Ivan Lendl, Joakim Nystrom and Pat Cash, were ousted from the championship.

Lendl, the top seed, was hampered by torn stomach muscles and heavy bandaging round his abdomen, and served well below his usual standard. He succumbed 6-1, 7-6, 6-4 to the No 9 seed, Kevin Curren, of South Africa, in their held-over fourth round match.

The Czechoslovak, winner of the French Open, who was trailing 6-1, 2-1 when play was called off because of rain on Tuesday, said he would not have been able to go to four sets.

"By the end of the third set, I couldn't serve. It (the injury) worried me most when I had to serve," he said.

The No 3 seed, Nystrom, who was left out of the Swedish Davis Cup team named yesterday for the final against the United States this month, was another casualty. He was removed 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-5 by the unseeded American Ben Testerman, who will meet the West German teenager, Boris Becker, in the quarter-finals.

Cash, the local hope, who was No 5 seed, failed to upset the seedings in his quarter-final against the South African-born Johan Kriek, of the United States, the No 4, and now the biggest threat to the No 2 seed, Wilander, of Sweden.

Kriek, the Australian Open champion in 1981 and 1982, won 7-5, 6-1, 7-6 and will meet another Swede in the semi-final either Wilander or Stefan Edberg.

When play resumed yesterday, Lendl regained the second-set service break he had lost on Tuesday to draw level at 3-3 and games went with serve until the eleventh. Two successive breaks forced the tie-breaker, which Curren won 7-4. The South African took the match on the only service break of the third set and now faces the unseeded Scot Davies, who yesterday beat his fellow American, Brad Gilbert, the No 12 seed, in the quarter-finals.

Lendl throughout used the end-changes to replace his bandages. Curren complained about the extra time taken by his opponent, and the grand prix supervisor, Bill Gilmour, and the tournament referee, Peter Bellenger, were called on court several times. Lendl pulled the stomach muscles during a tournament in the United States.

Cash, a semi-finalist at this year's Wimbledon and US Open championships, seemed to lose heart after losing two points in the ninth game of the first set and Kriek raced through the second with breaks in the first, fifth and seventh games. The Melbourne teenager fought back briefly in the third but allowed hecklers in the crowd to upset him.


Curren: took full advantage of Lendl's injury

Men's singles
FOURTH ROUND: Curran (SA) bt I Lendl (Cz), 6-1, 7-6, 6-4; S Davis (US) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. B Testerman (US) bt J Nystrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-5.
quarter-final: J Kriek (US) bt P Cash (Aus), 7-5, 6-1, 7-6.

Women's singles
quarter-final: Navratilova (US) bt B Porter (US), 6-3, 6-2.

Men's doubles
quarter-finals: P Doohan and M Fancutt (Aus) bt J Alexander (Aus) and L Bourne (US), 6-4, 5-3, 6-4; M Edmondson (Aus) and S Stewart (US) bt B Dyke and W Masur (Aus), 2-6, 7-5, 6-7, 6-1, 7-5; J Nystrom and M Wilander (Swe) level with F Gonzalez (Para) and M Mitchell (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 1-6; E Edwards and C van Rensburg (SA) level with P Cash and J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-3, 6-7, 4-6, 6-3.

Women's doubles
quarter finals: C Lloyd (US) and W Turnbull (Aus) bt A Minter and E Minter (Aus), 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; B Potter and S Walsh (US) bt C Jolissaint (Swe) and M Mesker (Neth), 6-3, 6-3; M Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt C Basset (Can) and Z Garrison (US), 6-2, 6-0.

Miss Ballet steps out in a miraculous way

By Lewine Mair

As Nathalie Balle, of France, hit a glorious match-winning forehand against Patricia Hy in the quarter-finals of the Lawn Tennis Association's women's event at Matchpoint Bramhall yesterday, the French coach gave an exasperated tug at his hair. M Chambert had watched Miss Ballet lose in the qualifying stages of each of the first three tournaments in this four-week series and now, just as he and the other three girls in his squad were already to go home, she had suddenly come good. He described her 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 win over Miss Hy as "a miracle".

The elegant Miss Ballet, aged 17, had played well, but there was no denying that Miss Hy was nowhere near as sharp as she had been at the start of this circuit. In fact, so weary was she coming into this event that the decided against playing in the doubles. The French girl now meets Elizabeth Ekblom, of Sweden, who yesterday defeated Lisa Pennington, the last British survivor, 7-5, 6-2.

Miss Pennington did some good work to get back from 1-5 to 5-5 in the first set, but overall the match as a lacklustre affair. Indeed, the sight of these two somewhat gloomy girls in their seats at the changeovers put one in mind of a dentist's waiting room.

Kirsten Dreyer, the 15-year-old American who won last weeks event at Teesside, was the competitor to inject some life into the proceedings. A wonderfully correct player, Miss Dreyer had too much speed and control for Nathalie Phan Thanh, and won 6-3, 6-4.

Miss Dreyer's opponent today is Babriella Dinu, a 24-year-old West German who received two warnings for ball abuse during her victory over Marie Pinterova, the 38-year-old Czechoslovak, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

RESULTS: Quarter Finals: G Dinu (WG) bt M Pinterova (Cz) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; K Dreyer (US) bt N Phan Thanh (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; E Kblom (Swe) bt L Pennington 7-5, 6-2; N Ballet (Fr) bt P Hy (Hong K) 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Whichello back in favour for tour of US

Richard Whichello, described recently as a "spoilt, pathetic little brat" by the national team manager, Paul Hutchins, is included in Britain's team of juniors for a month's tournament trip to the United States.

He joined 18 other players, including the sisters Suzie and Michele Mair, in a team which will compete in 10 tournaments, ranging from under-12s to under-28s.

SQUAD: 18 and under: Girls: S Mair (E of Scotland), J Louis (Devon). Boys: B Knapp (Gloucs), S Cole (Surrey), P Moore (Surrey), R Whichello (Kent). 16 and under: Girls: J Wood (Middx), C Wood (Sussex), T Catlin (Cambs), S McCarthy (Avon). Boys: A Brice (Cheshire), D Sapsford (Surrey). 14 and under: Girls: N Entract (Dorset), A Gregory (Notts), M Mair (E of Scotland). Boys: M Petchey (Essex), C Beecher (Kent). 12 and under: Girls: V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs), R Violet (lancs). No boys team.

Four tournaments for veterans

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Four tournaments on the increasingly popular men's international circuit for players aged over 35 will be played in the United Kingdom next year. The provisional fixtures are Middlesbrough (May 29 to June 2), Manchester (June 3 to 8), Jersey (June 9 to 14), and Moor Park or Chichester (June 18 to 22).

Most of the tournaments will have a 12-man format and about £33,000 in prize money. Players will compete on an all-play-all basis in four pools, the pool winners advancing to the semi-finals.

Nystrom misses Davis Cup final

Stockholm (Reuter) – Mats Wilander, Anders Jarryd, Stefan Edberg and Henrik Sundstrom will represent Sweden in the Davis Cup final against the United States this month. There is no place for Joakim Nystrom.

Hans Olsson, the non-playing captain, omitted Nystrom from the team for the December 16–18 final because of Sundstrom's better performance on clay this year and his defeat of Ivan Lendl in the semi-final against Czechoslovakia in September.

Wilander, the country's top player, will definitely play in the singles, but Olsson has not yet decided whether Jarryd or Sundstrom would fill the second singles slot.

Both players excelled in the semi-final, with Sundstrom providing the most memorable result of the tie when he fought back from two sets down and 0–3 in the third to upset Lendl. The doubles team will be Jarryd and Edberg.

The final will be played in Gothenburg on an indoor clay court currently under construction. The United States team has not yet been announced.

Flies going through purple patch

Nato make a rod for their own backs

By Conrad Voss Bark

FISHING

We are assured by one of our eminent fishing writers that the fashionable colour for reservoir flies next season will be purple. An interesting choice, but one's first reaction is whether a Rutland regular, a pragmatic man by all accounts, is likely to abandon his favourite Orange Matuka for a purple alternative without qualms. Perhaps he will, for fashion, as every woman knows, has its own compulsions.

There is indeed quite a deal to be said in favour of fly fashions, and not only on reservoirs. Most of us know the lifting of the heart that takes place when the ghillie on our favourite salmon river approves our choice of fly with a grunted "Aye, that'll tak a fush". After that there is no question that we go down the pool with a gay spirit

The equivalent happens on the daunting acres of reservoirs, where if, shall we say, a Purple Marabou is taking fish then a Purple Marabou without doubts is a fly on which we are most likely to be hooked.

Curiously enough, the armed forces of Nato seem to be attracted to reservoir trout flies, or so one must assume from the Nato survival kit issued to troops who are landing on desolate and presumably hostile shores.

The survival kit, neatly packaged in a form which will fit a rather longer-than-usual breast pocket, contains line, hooks and split shot and admirable instructions to the now-no-doubt starving troops on how to find worms and maggots and other creatures suitable for bait. In case bait is lacking, presumably through a dearth of worms under the permafrost, four artificial trout flies are included in neat little sachets.

These four patterns are, respectively, two Muddler Minnows, one of a natural colour and one dyed bright orange; one White Matuka, which will be most useful when we invade Taupo; and a lure which is either a Sweeny Todd or a Mrs Palmer, I am a little uncertain which. Whether it is a Mrs Palmer or a Sweeney is possibly irrelevant because they are both admirable lures, especially Mrs Palmer. What is perhaps more important, and certainly will offend the purists of the Staff College, is that the essential thing lacking from the survival kit is a fishing rod.

BOBSLEIGH

Champion closing the gap

From Chris Moore Winterberg West Germany

The defending champion, Tom De La Hunty, was making his presence felt here yesterday in official practice for this weekend's two-man event at the British bobsleigh championships, sponsored by Allied Steel, although the RAF PT instructor was still sliding in the slipstream of London's Nick Phipps, who remains unbeaten so far after six training laufs.

De La Hunty, who drove the No 1 British bob at the Winter Olympics in Sarejevo, had the satisfaction of closing the gap between the two, finishing fractionally more than a second behind Phipps on yesterday's two runs.

On his own admission, De La Hunty is still getting his act together with his new brake man, Alistair Kennedy-Rose; but is now far more optimistic about his chances of running Phipps close.

"Yuo can never take anything for granted in this sport because it needs only one mistake to overturn everything", De La Hunty said. "If we can get close enough to put pressure on Phipps on race day, we'll be in with a real chance."

Phipps was able to rest his first-choice brake man, Alan Cearns, yesterday when he brought in Bob Thorne, one of the other members of his four-man crew, and he still clocked the fastest start times in both yesterday's runs.

The top two finishers here on Sunday will gain automatic selection for the British team at the world championships in Cervinia January.

SKIING

Champions in opposition

Puy Saint-Vincent, France (Reuter) – Two Olympic champions, Michela Figini of Switzerland and Debbie Armstrong of the United States, launch the women's World Cup downhill season today at Puy, a late substitute for another French Alpine resort, Val d'Isère, which was ruled out because of lack of snow.

The women will have the stage to themselves before the men resume their rivalry on Friday. Figini, who won her first World Cup downhill in Megev last January, swept to the Olympic downhill gold medal on Mount Jahorina two weeks later. Two months short of her eighteenth birthday then, she was the youngest woman to achieve the feat.

RACING: GREYSTOKE – TRAINED NOVICE TO MAKE HIS MARK OVER FENCES

Tullamarine to graduate with honours

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

If ever a horse boasted the right credentials to win a race like the Tote Novices' Chase at Uttoxeter today it is Tullamarine, who is napped to make a successful start to his steeplechasing career. By that prolific sire of jumpers, Deep Run, out of a half sister to the 1972 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Glencaraig Lady, he certainly sports the right sort of pedigree.

Some might argue that his lack of chasing experience could put him at an immediate disadvantage with the likes of Northern Bay who has won over fences at Leicester this season and Inkling, who shaped with such promise at Wetherby last week in the race won by Jockambel. However, I can counter that by pointing out that my nap won a point-to-point in Ireland before joining Gordon Richard's stable in the close season.

Although it was only over hurdles, Tullamarine's first and only race for his present connections could hardly have boded better. In spite of looking distinctly big and backward, he still managed to finish third at Market Rasen behind Abandoned Warrior, who had won his previous race and Emo Forever, who has won at Ayr in the meantime. Now that he will be doing the job for which he was bred, Tullamarine should be an even greater force and I will be disappointed if he fails.

Being by that good stayer Quiet Fling, Quiet Fall is bred to revel over the distance of the Rocester Three-Year-Old Novices' Hurdle and I take him to benefit from the weight he receives from both Mariners Dream and Secret Walk, who have each won twice over hurdles. Quiet Fall could hardly havemade a better start to his jumping career than he did at Newcastle where he ran on strongly to beat his stable companion, Lanhydrock, who has since beaten Worling-Pearl (one of Quiet Fall's rivals this afternoon) by four lengths at Wetherby.

Gemelek, that easy winner of the Horizon Handicap Chase at Chepstow last Saturday, makes a quick reappearance for the Burton Rubber Company Handicap Chase. In this instance, though, he will face infinitely tougher opposition in the shape of Ballyross, who was runner-up to Musso at Ascot

High Renown, so promising at Newbury in October before being brought down in his next race at Chepstow, can win the Ashbourne Four-Year-Old Handicap Hurdle

At Taunton I expect the Kingston-St-Mary Handicap Chase to be at the mercy of Peter Haynes's much improved seven-year-old, Dr Pepper, a winner of three races this season by wide margins at Fontwell (twice) and Worcester.

The Wooley Grange Stud Novices' Hurdle looks much less cut and dried, with Deep Coach, Mearlin, Redgrave Rose, Coral Delight and Stars and Stripes all standing their ground. At these weights, my preference is for Stars And Stripes, who finished third to Rose Ravine in the Hoechst Regumante Mares Novices' Hurdle final at Newbury last March. When running for the first time this season, Stars and Stripes acquitted herself well, chasing home Jenny Pitman's promising young horse Red Rocky at Stratford.

Finally, Lucky George, a winner over two miles and three furlongs at Taunton already, twice over hurdles and once over fences, looks poised to gain a fourth success following his defeat of Golden Hornet last month.


Wayward Lad (above) and Burrough Hill Lad, who are expected to meet in the Charlie Hall Memorial Chase at Wetherby on Saturday, head the 16 enteries for the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day. The other entries are: Canny Danny, Carved Opal, Cybrandian, Don't Forget, Doublenagain, Forgive N' Forget, Gaye Chance, Half Free, Integration, Little Bay, Sointulla Boy, The Tsarevich, Tom's Little Al.

Sponsors bridge the gaps

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Point-to-point racing will again receive £100,000 in sponsorship from Audi, the car manufacturers, in 1985. The only complaint that could be levelled last year at the qualifying series of races for the Audi Grand Prix de Chasse was that the whole of Britain was not fully covered. There will be fewer gaps this year as the number of meetings has been increased from 20 to 28.

Audi will sponsor all these races in which the first two horses qualify for the final, as well as distributing £7,000 to Hunts for the promotion of their meetings. The final, to be run again at Sandown Park, will take place on April 26 and carry £5,000 added prize money.

The sponsorship will be extended into both breeding and the management of the sport. A breeders' award scheme has been established and will be operated by the National Light Horse Breeding Society (HIS). Audi will award £100 to the winner of the first horse, sired by an HIS premium stallion, to finish in the first six in the qualifying races.

The point-to-point Secretaries' Association will receive £7,000, an increase of £2,000 on last season, to help them to broaden their services.

UTTOXETER

GOING: good to soft.

12.45 SUDBURY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,258: 2m) (8 runners)

1 1034-00 CRACK A JOKE (D) (D Randle) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-10 ... P Croucher
2 334-221 TIERENEE (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-6 (7 ex) ... G Williams
3 0042/r4 JESTER'S NIGHT (Mrs J Corn) R Peacock 11-11-5 ... C Kellett 7
5 p32p3p- ALL BRIGHT (G Roe) M Gibson 12-11-2 ... T Williams 7
6 40-p430 SMILING CAVALIER (D) (A Madwar) A Madwar 8-10-7 ... Angus Madwar 7
7 303212 SALLYS CAROUSELLE (D) (A Eaton) P Bevan 10-10-3 ... –
9 0u/000-0 NOBLEU (F Coton) F Coton 7-10-0 ... Georgina Herbert 7
10 40/0010 DOE PARK (D Owen) M James 8-10-0 ... Sharon James 7

1983: No corresponding race.

15-8 Tierenee, 11-4 Sallys Carouselle, 3 Crack A Joke, 7 Smiling Cavalier, 12 All Bright, 14 Jester's Night, 16 others.

FORM: CRACK A JOKE (10-0) always in rear when 8th of 12 to Silent Echo (10-3) at Stratford (2m ch, £1,774, soft, Nov 8). TIER-NEE (10-6) ran-on to beat Starlight Lad (10-10) 6l at Wetherby (2m ch, £2,288, soft, Nov 27, 5 ran). JESTER'S NIGHT (11-0) tailed off when 4th of 5 to Golden Knot (11-0) at Southwell (2m ch, £831, soft, Nov 20) with DEE PARK (11-0) last. SALLY'S CAROUSELLE (11-2) ½l 2nd of 7 to Silva Linda (10-10) at Uttoxeter (2m 1f ch, £1,129, good, Nov 15).
Selection: SALLY'S CAROUSELLE.

Uttoxeter selections

By Mandarin
12.45 Sallys Carouselle. 1.15 Blackboosh. 1.45 Ballyross. 2.15 TULLAMARINE (nap). 2.45 Quiet Fall. 3.15 High Renown.
By Michael Seely
12.45 SALLYS CAROUSELLE. (nap). 1.45 Ballyross.

1.15 CUBLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£680: 2m 4f) (14)

2 3210-00 BLACKBOOSH (J Bosley) J Bosley 5-11-7 ... Mr M Bosley 7
3 01114p THE KNIFE (CD) (Miss S Lavery) M James 6-11-5 ... –
4 23-0030 LOOKING FOR GOLD (C) (B Gordon) P Pritchard 6-11-4 ... N Fearn 7
5 000fop- RIVER WARRIOR (D) (J Bradley) J M Bradley 6-11-1 ... –
6 020400- RUSSIAN SALAD (E Jones) F Jordan 5-11-0 ... R Hyett
8 6-2p140 PORTO LOUISE (F Jackson) D Tucker 5-10-9 ... S J O'Neill
9 020303 LIGHT SENTENCE (BF) (B Gordon) P Pritchard 6-10-8 ... G Williams 7
10 00000/0 BUGATTI (D Hutchinson) R Peacock 6-10-3 ... P Scudamore
11 0412-f2 LORD CHARLES (B) (H Insley) R Perkins 5-10-3 ... Dai Williams
12 0-00000 ROCHE GIRL (B) (S Torr) S Torr 6-10-2 ... –
13 000032 RED REPORT (B) (P Howe) J M Bradley 6-10-2 ... Sharon James 7
14 p0-000 INFINITE STAR (B) (C Naden) J Harris 4-10-2 ... J A Harris
15 000400 HIGH BARN (B Charnley) B Charnley 5-10-2 ... R Crank
16 0p0-p00 HENGCHOW (C Bridgett) C Bridgett 6-10-2 ... Mr C Bridgett

1983: The Totm 6-10-5 S Smith Eccles (3-1 fav) J Jenkins 10 ran.

11-4 Light Sentence, 7-2 Red Report, 9-2 Lord Charles, 5 Looking For Gold, 6 The Knife, 8 Porto Louise, 12 others.

1.45 BURTON RUBBER COMPANY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,022: 2m 4f) (6)

1 1-0012p STAND BACK (CD) (W Crawford) 7-11-10 ... R Lamb
2 2002-12 BALLYROSS (D)(BF) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 13-11-8 ... H Davies
4 033p-31 GEMELEX (D) (P Bingley) J Old 8-11-3 (6 ex) ... P Murphy
5 11/2-03f ALDRO (P Riley) W Clay 8-11-2 ... S J O'Neill
8 41/0p0f ONE ARMED BANDIT (N De Savary) J Jenkins 8-10-7 ... Mr S Sherwood
9 3p0p-2f BUCKSOME (D) (M Doyle Marketing) B McMahon 11-10-4 ... R Crank

1983: Lodge's Fortune 8-10-6 Mr A Sharpe (8-1) Mrs S Davenport 11 ran.

5-2 Gemelek, 3 Ballyross, 4 Aldro, 9-2 Stand Back, 8 One Armed Bandit, Bucksome.

FORM: STAND BACK pulled up last time, earlier (11-10) 20l 2nd of 4 to Poyntz Pass (11-10) at Perth (2m 4f ch, £1,297, good to soft, Oct 18). BALLYROSS (10-6) 6l 2nd to Musso (11-7) at Ascot (m ch, £3,295, good, Nov 16, 6 ran). GEMELEK (10-4) beat Hadajar (10-3) by 12l at Chepstow (2m ch, £1,851, soft, Dec 1, 9 ran). ALDRO fell last time; previously (11-0) 19l 3rd to Silent Echo (10-3) at Stratford (2m CH, £1,775, soft, Nov 8, 12 ran). BUCKSOME fell last time, earlier (11-0) 5l 3rd, promoted to 2nd, to observe (11-7) at Devon (2m 6f ch, £3,548, soft, Nov 13, 6 ran).
Selection: GEMELEK.

2.15 TOTE NOVICE CHASE (£2,481: 3m 2f) (12)

1 3p-2214 NORTHERN BAY (BF) (Twycross Frozen Food) T Bill 8-11-3 ... G Williams 7
4 0b4p/p0 CAMBRO BOY (H Insley) W Clay 8-10-12 ... –
5 pu0p-0p CHALFORD HILL (B) (G Roe) M Gibson 7-10-12 ... C Mann
6 4-03003 COVENT GARDEN (G Parton) W Clay 6-10-12 ... S J O'Neill
7 000-0fu GANDOUGE LANE (C House) J Old 7-10-12 ... P Murphy
8 003-104 GOLD EPEE (I Stages) D Nicholson 6-10-12 ... P Scudamore
9 30p/04-4 HILL GREEN (V Love) R B Francis 8-10-12 ... R Crank
10 1f010/34 INKLING (Mrs E Wilmot) H Wharton 7-10-12 ... P Tuck
11 3-34b0u OULART HILL (R Harper) M Oliver 8-10-12 ... Mr J Weston
14 030-fpf SOMETHING SPECIAL (J Mills) P Bevan 7-10-12 ... –
15 3 TULLAMARINE (W Stephenson-Taylor) G Richards 7-10-12 ... N Doughty
16 00-p0 GONZO (I Forbes) Earl Jones 5-10-11 ... J D Doyle 4

1983: Hy-Ko 7-11-6 P Barton (evens fav) D Gandolfo 11 ran

Evens Tullamarine, 11-4 Northern Bay, 4 Inkling, 8 Hill Green, 10 Covent Garden, 14 others.

FORM: NORTHERN BAY (10-8) beaten in 3rd when fell and remounted to finish 4th to Run And Skip (10-9); earlier (11-0) beat Ice Hill (11-0) by 4l at Leicester with HILL GREEN (11-0) 30l Away 4th (3m ch, £1,140, good, Nov 19, 8 ran). COVENT GARDEN (10-9) 16l 3rd to Upham Kelly (10-2) at Southwell with GONZO (10-7) 34l away 5th (3m ch, £663, soft, Nov 20, 12 ran). INKLING (11-0) 8½l 3rd to Jockambel (11-8) at Wetherby (3m CH, £1,686, soft, Nov 27, 15 ran). SIR GORDON (10-2) 43l 4th to Knock Hill (11-7) at Newbury (3m ch, £2,448, good to soft, Nov 14, 5 ran). TULLAMARINE (11-2) 13l 3rd to Abandoned Warrior (11-7) at Market Rasen (3m hdle, £918, soft, Nov 16, 20 ran).
Selection: INKLING.

2.45 ROCESTER THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICE HURDLE (£548: 2m 4f) (16)

1 01 MARINERS DREAM (D Newton) R Hollinshead 11-8 ... –
2 201140 SECRET WALK (Hathaway Roofing) W A Stephenson 11-8 ... R Lamb
5 1 QUIET FALL (G Turnbull) M Camacho 11-2 ... R O'Leary
6 101 SHEPHERD'S HYMN (H Grain) T Bill 11-2 ... G Williams 7
7 10 SOLITARIO (M Parsons) B Preece 11-2 ... R Stronge
8 1434 CLUEDO (BF) (Swift Racing Services) R J Williams 10-11 ... M Bastard
10 00 HUYTON BOY (J Harrison) T Taylor 10-10 ... P Tuck
11 30 KARUBA (R Giles) J Spearing 10-10 ... P Warner
12 400 LAWNSWOOD AVENGER (A Hill) D Nicholson 10-10 ... P Scudamore
13 LUCIETES (F Jordan) F Jordan 10-10 ... R Hyett
14 0 MAJESTIC LAD (PSB Racing Ltd) M Lambert 10-10 ... P A Charlton
16 0 MICKY FOX (Mrs A Beard) W Wharton 10-10 ... M Brennan
18 0 STOCKSIGN (Mrs M Bevan) Mrs M Bevan 10-10 ... C Smith
23 000 YALISKARI (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 10-10 ... P Barry
26 VAL'S PRIDE (B Wiseman) A Madwar 10-5 ... –
27 22 WORLING-PEARL (T Stubbings) E Alston 10-5 ... K Doolan

1983: Invincible Shadow 10-11 R Crank (4-1) B McMahon 14 ran.

3 Quiet Fall, 7-2 Shepherd's Hymn, 4 Worling-Pearl, 9-2 Mariners Dream, 5 Secret Walk, 8 Lawnswood Avenger, 12 Cluedo, 14 others

FORM: MARINERS DREAM (11-0) beat Traffidanz (10-7) 8l at Wincanton (2m hdle, £698, firm, Oct 18, 11 ran). WORLING PEARL (10-2) 4l 2nd of 24 to Lanhydrock (10-7) at Wetherby (2m hdle, £781, soft, Nov 27) with SECRET WALK (11-7) 41l away 6th and YALISKARI (10-7) out of the first 9. WORLING PEARL (10-9) 4l 2nd of 20 to Strathearn (11-0) at Haydock (2m hdle, £1331, soft, Nov 21) with SHEPHERD'S HYMN (11-0) 13½l away 5th and LAWNSWOOD AVENGER (11-0) further 8l away 6th. QUIET FALL (10-10) beat Lanhydrock (10-10) 1½l at Newcastle (2m hdle, £685, heavy, Nov 17, 16 ran). SHEPHERD'S HYMN (10-10) beat Starwind (10-10) 8l at Leicester (2m hdle, 609, good, Nov 30, 19 ran). CLUEDO (10-7) 12l 4th of 13 to Miss Felham (10-10) at Market Rasen (2m hdle £1819, good, Sept 29)
Selection: QUIET FALL.

3.15 ASHBOURNE FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,301: 2m 1f) (12)

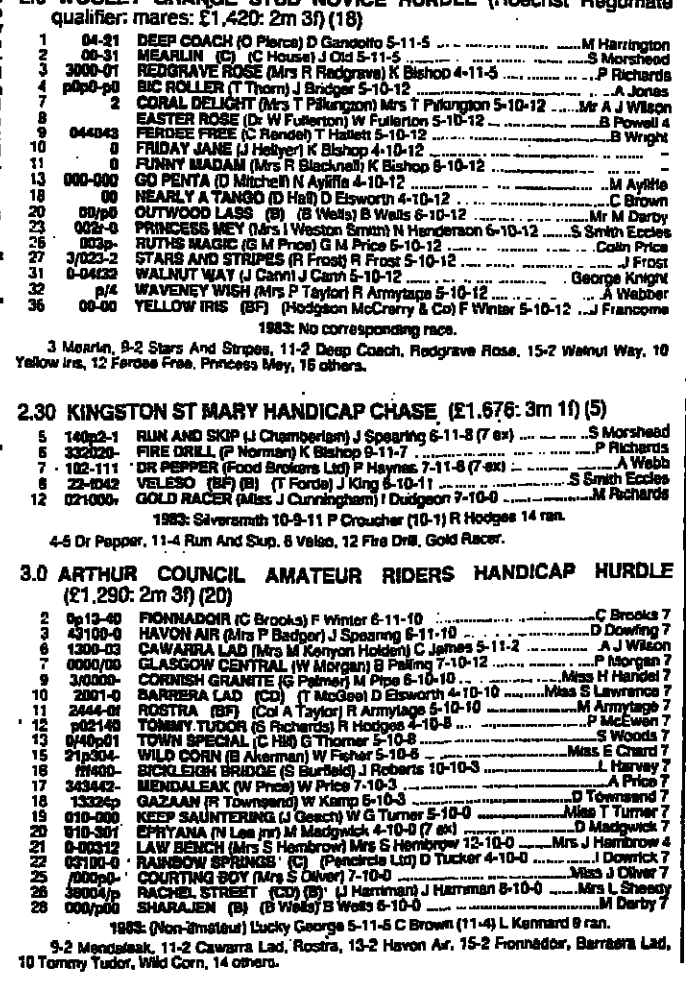
1 210-3b4 HIGH RENOWN (BF) (Dewfresh Mushrooms) J Jenkins 11-10 ... Mr S Sherwood
3 0010-p CLINKER (A King) J Bosley 11-10 ... Mr M Bosley 7
4 u-01322 TRY TO REMEMBER (BF) (D Price) R Holder 11-10 ... H Davies
5 0-04211 OUR WHITE HART (D)(B) (Mrs B Short) N Vigors 11-1 ... R Chapman 4
6 041-0 REGAL EXPRESS (Nucrete Concrete) H Wharton 10-13 ... P Tuck
8 000430- GREAT SHADOW (J Bukovets) J Bukovets 10-5 ... R Crank
9 1-02322 GENNARO (P Warne) M Naughton 10-5 ... R Stronge
10 042-030 WOOLDOWARE (Sir J Eastwood) R Hartop 10-3 ... J Barlow
11 01003-0 INCENSE (H Attwood) P Bevan 10-2 ... –
12 00-0 CAPTAIN PRY (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 10-2 ... P Scudamore
13 00p-34 WORDSWORTH (Nionside Ltd) D Wilson 10-1 ... Steve Knight
14 003404 BRYMA (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 10-0 ... A Griffiths

1983: Sir Lucky 10-4 R Crank (10-1) C Crossley 13 ran.

3 Our White Hart, 4 High Renown, 5 Gennaro, 6 Try To Remember, 7 Regal Express, 10 Wooldoware, 12 Wordsworth, 14 others.

FORM: HIGH RENOWN (11-4) 9l 4th of 16 to Sweetcal (11-0) at Nottingham (2m hdle, £1458, good to soft, Nov 23) TRY TO REMEMBER (10-3) 10l 2nd of 9 to Indamelody (10-0) at Kempton (2m hdle, £1696, good to soft, Nov 22). OUR WHITE HART (10-0) beat Kelly's Boy (11-0) 2l at Devon (2m 1f hdle, £1786, soft, Nov 13, 9 ran) REGAL EXPRESS (10-10) 9th of 14 to Qualitair Prince (10-1) at Southwell (2m hdle, £1195, good to soft, Nov 20). GENNARO (10-5) 15l 2nd of 7 to Harry Hastings (11-12) in Novices h'cap at Ayr (2m hdle, £1242, soft, Nov 24).
Selection: OUR WHITE HART.

TAUNTON



GOING: Soft

12.30 BICKNOLLER NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £653: 2m 1f) (17 runners)

1 330210 COME ON GRACIE (D) (M Willey) M Pipe 12-1 ... R Dennis 4
2 430001 HALL'S PRINCE (E Butler) G Balding 11-10 ... S Gilmore 7
4 002231 PANTO PRINCE (Mrs L Warren) L Kennard 11-10 ... B Powell 4
8 0 BRAVE WORDS (R McAlpine) J Edwards 11-0 ... P Barton
13 4 HARD LINE (Mrs J Smith) D Murray-Smith 11-0 ... R Dunwoody
15 LAURENBEL (I Maddocks) I Maddocks 11-0 ... C Jones
17 MR BENNINGTON (Benningtons Ltd) D Wintle 11-0 ... –
20 REVENGED (D Tucker) D Tucker 11-0 ... S McNeill
21 f STOCK HILL LAD (Mrs M Fairbairn) M Blanshard 11-0 ... B de Haan
22 0 TINKERSFIELD (W Sturt) J Old 11-0 ... S Morshead
26 0 WOT NO SEAL (M Usher) M Usher 11-0 ... C Brown
33 GOLDEN HOME (Mrs V Hurst) R Frost 10-9 ... J Frost
34 HOT HANDED (C Nash) C Nash 10-9 ... A Carroll
35 0 MAINTOWN (Mrs G Spencer) R Holder 10-9 ... –
36 40 MY AISLING (BF) (S Harvey) M Pipe 10-9 ... P Leach
37 RECORD RED (E Allsopp) J Spearing 10-9 ... –
39 ROSE RED CITY (Miss L Davis) K Bishop 10-9 ... P Richards

1983: No corresponding race.

3 Hard Line, 7-2 Panto Prince, 4 Hall's Prince, 5 My Aisling, 8 Brave Words, 10 Come On Gracie; 12 Maintown, 14 others.

Taunton selections

By Mandarin
12.30 Hard Line. 1.0 Pampered Gipsy. 1.30 Lucky George. 2.0 Stars And Stripes. 2.30 Dr Pepper. 3.0 Barrera Lad.
Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Veleso.

1.0 CHARD NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£448: 2m 1f) (16)

1 /2020-1 PAMPERED GIPSY (R Baker) J H Baker 6-11-7 ... G Newman
3 p2404 AIR CADET (T Pears) J King 4-11-0 ... S Smith Eccles
6 00-p GOOD INVESTMENT (BF) (B) (F Hollis) F Hollis 4-11-0 ... George Knight
7 3-pppop GUARD THE PORT (B) (Mrs C Seymour) Mrs C Seymour 4-11-0 ... C Gray
8 /0042-0 JIMMY BOY (P Houlihan) H Breasley 5-11-0 ... R Goldstein
9 p-upp0 LAUGHTER LINES (B) (K Bishop) K Bishop 5-11-0 ... P Richards
10 00/0b- OLIVER GOLDSMITH (W J Reed) W Reed 5-11-0 ... J Frost
11 0p PORTADORE (B) (H Davies) Mrs E Kennard 4-11-0 ... G McCourt
12 0-4p REMEDY (M Staddon) K Bishop 4-11-0 ... B Powell 4
13 0 STOLFORD (T Pocock) R Pocock 4-11-0 ... M Nuttall
14 f/0034- THOMAS A BECKET (J Criddle) J Criddle 5-11-0 ... –
15 p04p/0f CHEVRULLAH (M Tucker) D Tucker 5-10-9 ... N Coleman 4
16 3300/p- LOTUS DANCER (P Livermore) R Howe 5-10-9 ... M Furlong
17 ppp00-p RAGSTONE GIRL (D Collier) R Atkins 5-10-9 ... R Atkins
18 2000 ROMANY LUCY (G Redwood) J Thorne 5-10-9 ... P Dever
19 04 SOME MOOR (R Earle) R Hodges 4-10-9 ... S Earle 7

1983: (2m 3f) Mary Muddle 5-11-6 S Jobar (7-1) N Gaselee 15 ran.

11-4 Pampered Gipsy, 7-2 Air Cadet, 4 Jimmy Boy, 6 Romany Luch, 8 Some Moor, 10 Good Investment, 12 others.

1.30 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICE CHASE (£1,311: 2m 3f) (15)

2 00-0241 LUCKY GEORGE (CD) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) R Hodges 6-11-7 ... R Linley
3 140132 ROYAL MANX (W Morgan) B Palling 7-11-7 ... Mr P Morgan
4 00-f10f MISS ABWAH (CD) (Mrs D Scott) D Scott 5-11-2 ... J Frost
5 b3-0304 AKRAM (S Allen) S Pattemore 6-11-0 ... S Smith Eccles
7 1/320-0 AUSTRIAN CORPORAL (P Axon) P Bowden 6-11-0 ... –
8 P02/f4- BROUGHTON LAD (R Chugg) R Chugg 11-11-0 ... J Suthern
9 60p0f-p CAPTAIN PAT (J H Baker) J H Baker 8-11-0 ... G Newman
12 30p0/0- DOUBLE BARREL (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 8-11-0 ... R Hoare
13 13-43p3 FER-KIL (S Bedford) B Forsey 8-11-0 ... George Knight
14 13/ff0 FEROCIOUS KNIGHT (Mrs A Cheshire) J Thorne 5-11-0 ... J Duggan
17 04-0pp3 HIS MASTER'S VOICE (B) (M Henriques) M Henriques 6-11-0 ... –
19 0/fp JIMMY FLINT (Dunns Motors) R Dunn 8-11-0 ... Mr M Dunn 4
20 100-224 JOHN'S PRESENT (J Sevrott) R Holder 6-11-0 ... –
26 0000-00 QUITE HOT (N Ayliffe) N Ayliffe 5-11-0 ... M Ayliffe
30 00323-0 SIR KENWIN (K Knox) R Armytage 6-11-0 ... A Webber

1983: No corresponding race.

2 Lucky George, 3 Sir Kenwin, 4 John's Present, 5 Royal Manx, 10 Akram, Fer-Kil, 16 others.

2.0 WOOLEY GRANGE STUD NOVICE HURDLE (Hoechst Regumate qualifier: mares: £1,420: 2m 3f) (18)

1 04-21 DEEP COACH (O Pierce) D Gandolfo 5-11-5 ... M Harrington
2 00-31 MEARLIN (C) (C House) J Old 5-11-5 ... S Morshead
3 3000-01 REDGRAVE ROSE (Mrs R Redgrave) K Bishop 4-11-5 ... P Richards
4 p0p0-p0 BIC ROLLER (T Thorn) J Bridger 5-10-12 ... A Jones
7 2 CORAL DELIGHT (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 5-10-12 ... Mr A J Wilson
8 EASTER ROSE (Dr W Fullerton) W Fullerton 5-10-12 ... B Powell 4
9 044043 FERDEE FREE (C Randel) T Hallett 5-10-12 ... B Wright
10 0 FRIDAY JANE (J Hellyer) K Bishop 4-10-12 ... –
11 0 FUNNY MADAM (Mrs R Blacknell) K Bishop 6-10-12 ... –
13 000-000 GO PENTA (D Mitchell) N Ayliffe 4-10-12 ... M Ayliffe
18 00 NEARLY A TANGO (D Hall) D Elsworth 4-10-12 ... C Brown
20 00/p0 OUTWOOD LASS (B) (B Wells) B Wells 6-10-12 ... Mr M Darby
23 002/-0 PRINCESS MEY (Mrs I Weston Smith) N Henderson 6-10-12 ... S Smith Eccles
26 003p- RUTHS MAGIC (G M Price) G M Price 6-10-12 ... Colin Price
27 3/023-2 STARS AND STRIPES (R Frost) R Frost 5-10-12 ... J Frost
31 0-04032 WALNUT WAY (J Cann) J Cann 5-10-12 ... George Knight
32 p/4 WAVENEY WISH (Mrs P Taylor) R Armytage 5-10-12 ... A Webber
36 00-00 YELLOW IRIS (BF) (Hodgson McCrerry & Co) F Winter 5-10-12 ... J Francome

1983: No corresponding race.

3 Mearlin, 9-2 Stars And Stripes, 11-2 Deep Coach, Redgrave Rose, 15-2 Walnut Way, 10 Yellow Iris, 12 Ferdee Free, Princess Mey, 16 others.

2.30 KINGSTON ST MARY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,676: 3m 1f) (5)

5 140p2-1 RUN AND SKIP (J Chamberlain) J Spearing 6-11-8 (7 ex) ... S Morshead
6 332020- FIRE DRILL (P Norman) K Bishop 9-11-7 ... P Richards
7 102-111 DR PEPPER (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 7-11-6 (7 ex) ... A Webb
8 22-f042 VELESO (BF) (B) (T Forde) J King 6-10-11 ... S Smith Eccles
12 021000- GOLD RACER (Miss J Cunningham) I Dudgeon 7-10-0 ... M Richards

1983: Silversmith 10-9-11 P Croucher (10-1) R Hodges 14 ran.

4-5 Dr Pepper, 11-4 Run And Skip, 6 Veleso, 12 Fire Drill, Gold Racer.

3.0 ARTHUR COUNCIL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,290: 2m 3f) (20)

2 0p13-40 FIONNADOIR (C Brooks) F Winter 6-11-10 ... C Brooks 7
3 43100-0 HAVON AIR (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 6-11-10 ... D Dowling 7
6 1300-03 CAWARRA LAD (Mrs M Kenyon Holden) C James 5-11-2 ... A J Wilson
7 0000/00 GLASGOW CENTRAL (W Morgan) B Palling 7-10-12 ... P Morgan 7
9 3/0000- CORNISH GRANITE (G Palmer) M Pipe 6-10-10 ... Miss H Handel 7
10 2001-0 BARRERA LAD (CD) (T McGee) D Elsworth 4-10-10 ... Miss S Lawrence 7
11 2444-0f ROSTRA (BF) (Col A Taylor) R Armytage 5-10-10 ... M Armytage 7
12 p02140 TOMMY TUDOR (S Richards) R Hodges 4-10-8 ... P McEwen 7
13 0/40p01 TOWN SPECIAL (C Hill) G Thorner 5-10-8 ... S Woods 7
15 21p304- WILD CORN (B Akerman) W Fisher 5-10-6 ... Miss E Chard 7
16 ff400- BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (S Burfield) J Roberts 10-10-3 ... L Harvey 7
17 343442- MENDALEAK (W Price) W Price 7-10-3 ... A Price 7
18 13324p GAZAAN (R Townsend) W Kemp 6-10-3 ... D Townsend 7
19 010-000 KEEP SAUNTERING (J Geach) W G Turner 5-10-0 ... Miss T Turner 7
20 010-301 EPRYANA (N Lee jnr) M Madgwick 4-10-0 (7 ex) ... D Madgwick 7
21 0-00312 LAW BENCH (Mrs S Hembrow) Mrs S Hembrow 12-10-0 ... Mrs J Hembrow 4
22 03100-0 RAINBOW SPRINGS (C) (Pencircle Ltd) D Tucker 4-10-0 ... I Dowrick 7
25 /000p0- COURTING BOY (Mrs S Oliver) 7-10-0 ... Miss J Oliver 7
26 38004/p RACHEL STREET (CD) (B) (J Hamman) J Hamman 8-10-0 ... Mrs L Sheedy
28 000/p00 SHARAJEN (B) (B Wells) B Wells 6-10-0 ... M Darby 7

1983: (Non-amateur) Lucky George 5-11-5 C Brown (11-4) L Kennard 8 ran.

9-2 Mendaleak, 11-2 Cawarra Lad, Rostra, 13-2 Havon Air, 15-2 Fionnadoir, Barrera Lad, 10 Tommy Tudor, Wild Corn, 14 others.

Doyle fined for taking the wrong course

Jim Doyle, the young apprentice rider, was fined £100 by the Hexham stewards yesterday for taking the wrong course after jumping the sixth fence on well fancied Troilena in the Priestpopple Handicap Chase. The stewards viewed the video of the race and were not satisfied with his explanation. Doyle was told to acquaint himself with the track in future.

Troilena's trainer Roger Fisher, was clearly angered by the mistake. He said: "Professionals are paid to do the job and they should know it." Kit Patterson, the clerk of the course, gave all riders a lecture before racing, explaining where the dolls had been placed on the course. There really seemed no excuse for Doyle's error.

Press Gang, who was left in the lead, made the remainder of the running and cruised home by 20 lengths from Somerled. John Wilson, the winning trainer, said: "I expect to move into Cree Lodge at Ayr next week from my Motherwell yard."

Ridley Lamb rode his first winner since being concussed on Heron's Reflection at Ayr 12 days ago when Shiney Son beat the odds on favourite, Saucepot, by 10 lengths in the Gilesgate Novices' Chase. Shiney Son, another winner for Arthur Stephenson's stable, led throughout.

Strawhill, a 14-1 chance, beat Preben Fur by a neck in the Henecotes Handicap Chase over a testing three miles. Kevin Doolan pushed Strawhill into the lead four out and although losing the advantage after jumping the last the partnership fought back really well.

Green Melelek was a casualty at the third fence and his jockey, Dermot Browne, has a suspected broken collar bone. Browne could be ruled out of partnering Browne's Gazette in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday. Paddy Farrell, also injured on Solo Sam at the last, aggravated an old wrist injury.

Peter Corrigan, aged 23, made the 700-mile round trip from Chichester pay off in the Battle Hill Conditional Jockeys Selling Handicap Hurdle when his mount Mosquito River beat Northern Knight by seven lengths. Mosquito River, who led at the eighth, jumped boldly and revelled in the heavy ground.

Reason for the switch of Triptych

The non-appearance of a pacemaker emerged yesterday as the reason behind Alan Clore's decision to move his top two-year-old filly, Triptych, from France to Ireland, Simon O'Laughlin writes.

Clore decided to send the Prix Marcel Boussac winner to David O'Brien, who already has Alydar's Best. He is also taking all his other horses away from David Smaga and these will go to other French trainers.

It appears that it was decided to provide Triptych with a pacemaker in the Prix d'Aumale but, after entering a second runner, Smaga withdrew the pace maker at the overnight stage. In the race, Triptych was beaten by a nose.

Hexham results

GOING: heavy
12.45 (2m ch) 1. PRESS GANG (T G Dun, 6-4 fav); 2. Somerled (K Jones, 6-1); 3. Thelmas Secret (M Barnes, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 85-40 Troilena, 12 Another Flame (ur). 5 ran. 20l, 25l, 20l. J S Wilson at Motherwell. TOTE: £1.60; £1.60, £5.80. DF: £2.40. CSF: £9.60.

1.15 (3m hdle) 1. MOSQUITO RIVER (P Corrigan, 16-1); 2. Northern Knight (Wayne Thompson, 7-2); 3. Santage (J O Gorman, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Artsum (pu), 20 Boston Bo... (ref to race). 8 ran. 7l, 1½l, dist. B Richmond at Wellingore. TOTE: £40.60; £8.60, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £73.70. CSF: £68.62. No bid.

1.45 (3m ch) 1. STRAWHILL (K Doolan, 14-1); 2. Preben Fur (J K Kinane, 2-1 fav); 3. Mr Shugg (T G Dun, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Arctic Menolek, 6 Weewumpawud (f), 9 Hazy Glen (pu), 12 Little Frenchman (pu), 11 Unscrupulous Judge (pu), 16 Green Menolek (f), 33 Miss Wood (pu). 11 ran. Nk, 20l, dist. E Alston at Preston. TOTE: £16.40; £3.10, £1.10, £2.40. DF: winner or 2nd with any other £1.10. CSF: £41.66. Tricast: £230.76.

2.15 (2m ch) 1. SHINEY SON (R Lamb, 11-2); 2. Saucepot (N Doughty, 2-5 Fav); 3. Polski (T G Dun, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Dusty Lad (f), 16 Moon Gazer, 33 Impage (4th), Marmalite (f). 7 ran. 10l, dist, 10l, 4l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £5.00; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £8.09.


Ridley Lamb, who scored on Shiney Son

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1. ROMAN DUSK (Mr T Reed, 10-11 fav); 2. Twelter (Mr P J Dun, 5-1); 3. Whitley Burn (Miss R Spoar, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Deep Love (5th), 10 Taxodium, 11 Blennerhassey (pu), 12 Swaffham, 20 March Fly, 25 Grouse Beater (4th), 33 Bowtmatch, Porto's Last (6th), Bright Suggestion (pu). 12 ran. 8l, 12l, 1l, 30l, 4l. J I Charlton at Stocksfield. TOTE: £2.00; £1.10, £2.00, £6.00. DF: £5.40. CSF: £7.09.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1. MARK EDELSON (M Hill, 9-4); 2. Crammond Brig (P Tuck, 11-1); 3. Colonel Rose (Mr J M Dun, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 2 Holy Buoy (4th), 13-2 Tarchin, 12 Blue Tarquin (5th). 6 ran. Hd, 10l, hd, dist, 4l. M Jefferson at Malton. TOTE: £3.30; £1.30, £2.50. DF: £6.90. CSF: £22.19.
Placepot: £26.05

Course specialists

UTTOXETER
TRAINERS: W A Stephenson 15 winners from 39 runners, 16.9%; R Peacock 7 from 48, 14.6%; D Nicholson 8 from 68, 11.8%.
JOCKEYS: R Lamb 9 winners from 29 rides, 31.0%; P Scudamore 16 from 88, 18.2%; S J O Neill 15 from 92, 16.3%.

TAUNTON
TRAINERS: J Edwards 7 winners from 32 runners, 21.9%; N Henderson 7 from 32, 21.9%; D Gandolfo 10 from 52, 19.2%.
JOCKEYS: J Francome 16 winners from 46 rides, 34.0%; P Barton 10 from 41, 24.4%; S Smith Eccles 6 from 29, 20.7%.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Klondyke Fire.

● John Hughes, the Chepstow clerk of the course, claims that the winter going at the Welsh course is getting better and better. "We've done a big drainage job and have not lost a meeting in 1984 for waterlogging. Last Saturday's racing would not have been possible two years ago." Hughes' ambition now is to get a watering system to provide better going for races like the Welsh Derby. He also wants more sponsors: "We've got three new ones for 1985, but have room for more, especially with a Welsh connection."

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1984-85

BRITISH RAILWAYS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the Session 1984-85 by the British Railways Board ("the Board") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. Construction of the following works:

In Greater London–

Work No. 1 – A railway (792 metres in length and partly in the existing Snow Hill Tunnel) at Farringdon in the city of London and in the London borough of Islington, being a reinstatement of the former railway between Farringdon and Blackfriars stations;

Work No. 2 – A railway (650 metres in length) at the King's Cross Freight Terminal of the Board in the London boroughs of Camden and Islington;

In Tyne and Wear–

Works Nos. 3A to 3E – Roadworks at Manors in the city of Newcastle upon Tyne, comprising realignments of Newbridge Street (including a new bridge over the railways between Newcastle and Edinburgh and between Manors and Tynemouth), Gibson Street, Clarence Street and Stepney Lane, a new road between Newbridge Street and Stoddart Street and widenings of Back Newbridge Street and Russell Terrace;

Work No. 4 – A railway (141 metres in length) at Dunston in the borough of Gateshead:

In Gwent–

Work No. 5 – A railway (1,256 metres in length) at Abertillery in the borough of Blaenau Gwent, being a deviation of the Western Valleys Line.

2. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works including the provision of fences on each side of the new bridge at Manors referred to above, the lengthening of platform number 3 at Farringdon station in connection with Work No. 1; the appropriation of certain existing works for the purpose of Works Nos. 1 and 3A; the construction and operation of level crossings over Wharf Road, in connection with Work No. 2, and over the road serving *Dunston Power Station, in connection with Work No. 4; and the incor*poration of certain provisions including power to stop up permanently or temporarily roads, bridleways and footpaths, with or without substitutes, and appropriation of sites of certain roads and footpaths so stopped up.

3. Stoppings up at Manors, in connection with Works Nos. 3A to 3E, of the footpath between Ingham Place and Stoddart Street and parts of Newbridge Street, Hewgill Terrace, Ingham Place, Back Newbridge Street, Russell Terrace and Stepney Lane, including certain private accesses thereto and substitution of new private accesses for those stopped up.

4. Substitution, at Abertillery, of new footpaths for part of the footpath between Morley Road and Abertillery Park and for part of the footpath between Oak Street and Glandwr Street, and stopping up of the parts so substituted; stopping up of Seamer station, Crab Lane, Metes Lane and Herdborough House level crossings, all at Seamer, North Yorkshire, subject to certain savings for pedestrian use.

5. Relief of the Board from certain obligations in respect of Bramford Road and Usk Road bridges, in the London borough of Wandsworth, and of Roman Road bridge, in the borough of Basingstoke and Deane, Hampshire, and provision for the reconstruction of those bridges, including the stopping up and appropriation of parts of the roads and footpaths crossed thereby.

6. Purchase of land or rights in, under or over land in the areas of the proposed works and also in the borough of Poole and at Holton Heath in the parish of Wareham St. Martin, district of Purbeck, Dorset; temporary possession of land at Wandsworth and at Basingstoke and Deane and temporary access over land at Wandsworth and at Holton Heath, the said lands include a portion (having an area of 950 square metres) of Abertillery Park in the borough of Blaenau Gwent and portions (having areas respectively of 307 square metres, 535 square metres and 175 square metres) of the public open space known as Petergate, the public open space off Bramford Road and the grassed amenity area off Nantes Close, all in the London borough of Wandsworth. Special provisions as to entry and compensation and incorporation of certain provisions including extinction of suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchased or used.

7. Extinguishment of certain rights of way over Whitbeck level crossing, Whicham, Cumbria; special provisions for the operation of that crossing and of Deganwy Quay level crossing, Deganwy, Gwynedd; of Llanion level crossing, Pembroke, Dyfed; of Padnal level crossing, Ely, Cambridgeshire; and of Cornmill level crossing, Barrow-in-Furness.

8. Power to the Board and Cumbria County Council to enter into agreements concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Millom in substitution for Limestone Hall level crossing and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of the new crossing and for the stopping up of Limestone Hall crossing.

9. Power to the Board and Devon County Council to enter into agreements concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Plymouth and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of that crossing and for the operation of Marsh Mills level crossing, Plymouth.

10. Power to the Board, Cleveland County Council and Hartlepool Borough Council to enter into agreements concerning the conversion of Church Street level crossing to a public crossing and the removal of railway bridges over, and infilling part of, Dock Street, Hartlepool; special provisions for the alteration, operation and maintenance of that crossing, and stopping up of that part of Dock Street and of Stranton level crossing.

11. Power to the Board and the Secretary of State to enter into agreements concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Boston, Lincolnshire, and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of that crossing.

12. Power to the Board and Tyne amd Wear County Council to enter into agreements concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne, and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of that crossing.

13. Extensions of time for the compulsory purchase of certain land or rights over land authorised to be purchased by the British Railways (Castlefield) Act 1980 and the British Railways Act 1981.

14. Application of section 168 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 to the British Transport Police Force in regard to an alleged offence at a level crossing or on a road forming an access or approach to railway premises of the Board.

15. Amendment of section 32(12) of the British Railways Act 1966 to permit the British Railways Savings Bank to pay the deposits, not exceeding £5,000, of a deceased depositor without confirmation to the person appearing to be entitled by law to receive the same on production of satisfactory evidence.

16. Relief from obligations of the Board to maintain the bridge over Copperhouse Creek, Hayle, Cornwall, as a swing bridge; to maintain an opening span in the bridge over the afon Nedd, Neath, West Glamorgan; and to provide a subway at Bradford, West Yorkshire, under the railways and works of the board between Valley Road and Snowden Street.

17. Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act, including the repeal or amendment of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to such plans, have, as relate to each of the areas hereinafter mentioned, been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the council of the area as follows:

Area	Officer with whom Plans, Sections and Book of Reference deposited
Greater London	Director-General and Clerk to the Council, The County Hall, London;
Metropolitan County of Tyne and Wear	Chief Executive and County Clerk, Sandyford House, Newcastle upon Tyne;
County of Dorset	Chief Executive, County Hall, Dorchester;
County of Gwent	Chief Executive Officer, County Hall, Cwmbran;
County of Hampshire	County Secretary, The Castle, Winchester;
City of London	Remembrancer, Guildhall, London;
London Borough of Camden	Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Camden Town Hall, Euston Road, London;
London Borough of Islington	Borough Secretary, Town Hall, Upper Street, London;
London Borough of Wandsworth	Director of Administration, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London;
City of Newcastle upon Tyne	Director of Administration, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne;
Borough of Basingstoke and Deane	Chief Executive and Clerk of the Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke;
Borough of Blaenau Gwent	Town Clerk, Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale;
Borough of Gateshead	Director of Legal Services, Town Hall, Gateshead;
Borough of Poole	Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Civic Centre, Poole;
District of Purbeck	Chief Executive and Clerk, Westport House, Wareham;
Community of Abertillery	Mr. Gwyn Price, Clerk, Abertillery Town Council, The Council Offices, Alexandra Road, Abertillery;
Parish of Wareham St. Martin	Mr. R. A. Holland, Clerk, Wareham St. Martin Parish Council, 19 Rodgett Crescent, Sandford Woods, Wareham.

On and after 4th December 1984 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of £1 each at the ticket office at Basingstoke, Birmingham (New Street), Clapham Junction, Hamworthy Junction, Hartlepool, Holborn Viaduct, Rotherham, Wandsworth Town, Wareham and Poole railway stations; at the Travel Centre at Manchester (Piccadilly), Newcastle upon Tyne and Plymouth railway stations; at Room 102 in the Area Manager's office, Platform 8, Kings Cross station; at the Area Office of the Blaenau Gwent Borough Council at The Council Offices, Alexandra Road, Abertillery; at The Reception in the offices of the Chief Executive and County Clerk, Tyne and Wear County Council, Sandyford House, Newcastle upon Tyne; at the offices of Messrs. H. Dudley Grayson & Co., Solicitors, 13 St. George's Terrace, Millom; at Benwell Public Library, Atkinson Road, Newcastle upon Tyne; at Dunston Public Library, Brompton House, Dunston; at the office of the Solicitor (Scotland) of the Board of Haymarket station, Edinburgh; and at each of the undermentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that house will be 30th January 1985; if it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1985. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Chief Solicitor and Legal Adviser or Parliamentary Agents.

DATED this 29th day of November, 1984.

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1984-85

BRITISH RAILWAYS (TROWSE BRIDGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the Session 1984-85 by the British Railways Board for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1 Construction in the city of Norwich, in Norfolk, of Work No 1, consisting of a railway (846 metres in length), being a deviation of the railway between Norwich station and Trowse Lower Junction, including a bridge with an opening span over the river Wensum; and Work No 2, comprising a cable bridge over Hardy Road.

2 Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works, including the removal of the existing bridge over the river Wensum and powers to dredge and undertake other subsidiary works in the river Wensum and elsewhere in connection with the proposed works.

3 Purchase of land or rights in, under or over land and temporary possession or use of land in the locality of the proposed works; special provisions as to entry and compensation and incorporation of certain provisions including extinction or suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchased or used.

4 Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a plan and sections of the proposed works and a plan of the land which may be purchased or used compulsorily under the powers of the intended Act, with a book of reference to such plan, have been deposited for public inspection with the County Solicitor and Deputy Clerk, Norfolk County Council, at County Hall, Norwich; and with the Director of Administration, Norwich City Council at City Hall, Norwich.

On and after 4th December 1984 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under mentioned offices; and at the Administration Office (Room 214A) in the Board's Area Manager's offices at Grosvenor House, Prince of Wales Road, Norwich.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If *the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for* depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1985; if it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1985. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under mentioned Chief Solicitor and Legal Adviser or Parliamentary Agents.

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1984-85
LLOYDS BANK (MERGER)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by Lloyds Bank Plc ("Lloyds") and Lloyds Bank International Limited ("LBI") for an Act under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:–

To provide for the vesting in Lloyds of the undertaking of LBI on a date to be determined by the directors of Lloyds in relation to the whole or any part of the undertaking ...

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1984-85
NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by The National Bank of New Zealand, Limited ("the Company") for an Act under the above name or short title to provide for the cesser of its incorporation in England, so that the Company shall continue by virtue only of its incorporation in New Zealand.

On and after 4th December 1984 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 60p, each at the principal office of the Company in England at 100 Pall Mall, London ...

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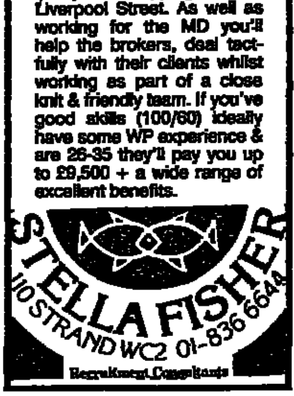
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This Authority invites applications from both within and outside the Health Service for this new post. The District General Manager will be directly responsible to the Authority, which currently employs 2,577 staff in a wide range of professions and disciplines. The annual budget is £25 million.

The appointment initially will be for 3 years renewable by mutual agreement. Salary will be discussed with candidates.

Written applications, in confidence, including CV and job suitability, should be addressed to Mr R W Elliott, OBE, Chairman, Hastings Health Authority, St Anne's House, 729 The Ridge, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, TN37 7PT.

Closing date for the receipt of applications is 19th December, 1984.

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Letters of application, with CV, should be sent to:
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GWYNEDD HEALTH AUTHORITY, NORTH WALES

HOUSE OF COMMONS
(Department of the Clerk of the House)

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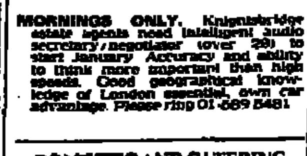
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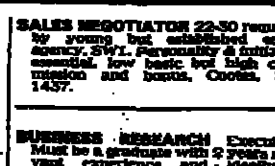
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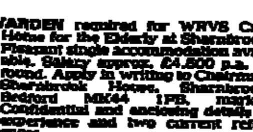
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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career choice

Choosing the right man

Are men workers more equal than women? Barrie Sherman looks at the problems

It may be an uncharitable thought but when the government was pressured into setting up an "equal pay for work of equal value" provision by the EEC it did so reluctantly. The cumbersome and lengthy procedures that an applicant has to go through have the effect of putting off all but the hardiest of women and one might suspect that they were designed with this in mind. If this is the case then it may prove to be as mistaken as the designs for early mangelwurzel scrubbers.

Few people, except those close to the case, expected Miss Hayward, who works at the Cammell Laird shipyard, to win her case. How could a canteen worker be compared with the strong craftsmen in what is, by any definition, a 'macho' industry? It was a non-runner and the lack of belief was evidenced by the lack of success attached to seminars and lectures on the subject, especially in the north of the country.

The blinkered

It would have been easier to get personnel managers to attend a seminar on Etruscan Art and persuade them that it had more relevance to their job. It is highly probable that this rather blinkered attitude will be changing – and only just in time.

This victory, if it stands, opens on to a vista of tribunal cases the like of which has not been seen before and a consequent bundle of upset agreements, customs and practises. Given the nature of the procedure there is a chance however that the decision will be overturned on appeal. The equal value is assessed by an independant expert and the methodology by which this is determined is very much the stuff of experiment. This does not invalidate the decision one whit, but it does leave the door open more widely to challenges than a more traditional system would.

It would be a mistake to underestimate the effects or the potential of these changes. Value is a tricky concept and one that has played but a small part in the remuneration systems of modern Britain, especially where women have been concerned. There has often been a tacit assumption that because a woman does a job it has a low value.

Regrettably unions have gone along with this myth and as women attend union meetings less frequently and in smaller numbers than men it has been assumed that women were satisfied – at least they were not complaining formally. Interestingly, the men at Cammell Laird who were the comparators were not only in the same union as Miss Hayward but actively supported her. This may not always be the prevailing mood – yet not only may these cases be brought, they may win. Among other factors secretaries often have better qualifications than their supposed superiors.

Relativities and differentials will be upset. Negotiated agreements will be at risk – for the better. Corns will be trodden on, sensitivities will be on show and relative statuses will be at risk; it is a far reaching law.

The slowest

Job evaluations will have to change, pre-emptively or otherwise and personnel departments will have to be on their toes. But it is not all simple. A woman who wins, has to have the same terms and conditions as the man with whom she has compared herself. This may include a car, golf club membership, and various other perks, some of which the woman may not want.

And to win, if the woman is wise, she will pick the man with the qualifications and the responsibilities that she thinks she can match but who is the worst or the slowest at his job because it is an individual comparison not an objective one that is the basis of this new law.

Newsround

● *Bob Crewe writes:* Career-minded women determined to get ahead in a man's world are advised by a leading researcher at the Management College, Henley, not to reveal their true feelings when being interviewed by male recruiters. "True confessions are not the name of the game", explained Sheila Rothwell, director of Henley's Employment Policy Studies. "Women should tell interviewers what they want to hear. Recruiters prefer to hear that a woman does not personally experience discrimination. It may be possible to coach or joke the interviewer into expressing, in non-sexist terms, what he really needs to know about her career, stability and willingness to travel".

According to Henley, advice to interviewers not to ask women questions about their marriage and family plans, regularly received from the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Civil Service Joint Review Group and various trade unions, is rarely heeded. Sheila Rothwell feels that the preferred image for women job applicants is to be "groomed, attractive, feminine, but not too overtly sexy or flamboyant". Whether filling in application forms or responding to interview questions, she advises women to make a particular effort to be positive and to emphasise their achievements, particularly in those areas in which they are most likely to be negatively stereotyped. "Women need practice to avoid beginning their sentences in a negative manner", she commented.

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● The information currently available to expatriates has been further boosted by the publication of a new business journal directly catering to the needs of executives posted abroad. The journal, *The Corporate Expatriate*, is published monthly, and contains bulletins on overseas inflation statistics and exchange rates, jobs, investment, property movements and the arts. Special features in the first two issues included a personal view of China by Edward Heath, and a special report on France by John Arden, the author of *France in the 1980s*. An annual subscription costs £45, and further details are available from the publisher, DCR Enterprises, 9 Orme Court, London W2 4RL (Tel 01-221 6709).

● People who are looking for a career change through redundancy, absence from work, necessity or personal choice, may be interested in a new series of guides published this year by the Careers and Occupational Information Centre (COIC). The books cover education and training opportunities, analysis of the job market and constraints imposed by individual circumstances. They include self-analysis exercises and contain case studies of people who have changed their careers and found greater personal satisfaction in their new jobs.

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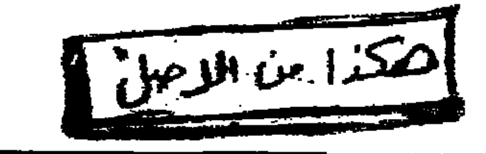
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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; plus medical advice between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.05 Taking Sides. This week's subject for the radiovision discussion is legal punishment. Among those taking part are retired judge Edward Clarke, Lady Ralphs, former chairman of the Magistrates' Association and Cedric Fullwood, Manchester's chief probation officer. 10.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School (r). 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes a musical tribute to Glenn Miller from RAF Lakenheath. In the studio Lesley Kenton has advice on keeping fit and Howard Franklin demonstrates his flower arranging skills. 1.45 Fingerbobs (r).

2.00 The Afternoon Show presented by Penny Junor and Jane Franchi. Topics covered today include retirement, ante-natal care and the skin disease psoriasis. Plus Irene Handl talks about her two careers – as an actress and novelist.

2.40 Beauty is in the Eye. Dottie Snow in praise of the women of Nashville, Tennessee (r).

2.50 War at Sea. The story of the raid in March, 1942, on St Nazaire, told by one of the survivors, Captain Michael Burn MC (r). 3.40 Cartoon. 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Elizabeth Millbank. 4.10 SuperTed. 4.15 Jackanory. Penelope Keith reads the story of the Two Princes (r). 4.30 Screen Test. Teams from Suffolk and Cornwall compete in the second semi-final of the cinematic recall quiz. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround.

5.00 Blue Peter with ideas for home-made presents for grandparents (Ceefax). 5.25 Henry's Cat. 5.30 Grange Hill. Episode 14 of the drama serial set in a secondary school (r) (Ceefax). 5.58 Weather.

6.00 News.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Tomorrow's World includes a demonstration of a special cloth which can absorb everything from fumes to bacteria.

7.20 Top of the Pops presented by Mike Smith and Gary Davies.

8.00 The Front Line. The first of a new comedy series about a young black man and his Rastafarian half-brother.

8.30 Zoo 2000. Jeremy Cherfas, continuing his series on the changing face of zoos, examines how they are tackling the problem of breeding exotic animals (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville.

9.25 The Secret Servant. Part one of the three episode thriller to be seen on consecutive evenings starring Charles Dance as SAS Major Harry Maxim (see Choice) (Ceefax).

10.20 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Kenneth Baker, MP, Rodney Bickerstaffe, Peter Newsam and Claire Brooks.

11.18 News headlines.

11.20 Men and Power. A discussion on the nature of male power and what prevents women from challenging it (r).

11.45 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guest, Leslie Crowther, from 6.45; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 8.51; pop video at 7.54; inside Liz Robertson's home at 8.15; film reviews at 8.34; d-i-y advice at 8.47; two MPs who are also mothers discuss Mothers in the House of Commons at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: Part four of The Sea Green Man, a drama set in Cromwell's time. 9.47 Developing transport for children. 10.04 Dressmaking for the massed market. 10.21 The merchandising approach of dress designer Jeff Banks. 10.39 A day trip to Boulogne.

11.00 Farmhouse Kitchen. Grace Mulligan with recipes for Dundee Broth, Finnan Haddie and Shortbread 11.25 Dick Tracy Cartoon 11.30 Crown Court. The trial continues against the firm of solicitors accused of betrayal of trust (r).

12.00 Buttercup Buskers. Adventures of a troupe of small animals. 12.10 Mooncat and Co with guest Pat Coombs. 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Falcon Crest.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Buttercup Buskers. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. Tales of a naughty duck. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw.

4.30 First Post. Sue Robbie with another selction of viewers' letters about ITV's children's programmes 4.45 Murphy's Mob. Serial about young football fanatics. 5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.20 Thames Sport presented by Steve Rider. Highlights from last night's boxing bill at London's Alexandra Pavilion featuring Marvis Frazier, Funso Banjo, Pat Cowdell, Terry Marsh and Errol Christie.

6.40 Crossroads.

7.00 Knight Rider. More action and adventure for Michael Knight and his computer-controlled talking motor car, KITT.

8.00 Never the Twain. Comedy series starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as two rival antiques dealers. This week they are in competition over the lovely Caroline Montague but while they warily watch each other's movements, a third suitor makes an appearance.

8.30 Hotel. Drama series set in the swish San Francisco hotel, St Gregory's.

9.30 TV Eye: Fight to the Finish. A report from the North-East where memories of the 1926 coal strike harden the determination of local NUM leaders to win the latest strike at any cost.

10.00 News at Ten followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 The Master. Martial arts series, set in the United States and starring Lee Van Cleef.

11.30 Jobs Limited. The last programme in the series and presenter Douglas Moffitt is joined by Professor Charles Handy who talks about the future of work as we know it and the options for alternative occupations.

12.00 Paul McCartney: The Man, His Music, His Movies. A behind-the-scenes look at the making of McCartney's Give My Regards to Broad Street.

12.25 Night Thoughts.

Charles Dance: The Secret Servant (BBC 1, 9.25pm)

CHOICE

● With its Whitehall mole, its passing of the port amid Oxford's dreaming spires and its plot firmly rooted in the gritty soil of espionage, THE SECRET SERVANT (BBC 1, 9.25pm), Brian Clemen's adaptation of the Gavin Lyall novel is an excursion through Le Carré territory. The big difference, judging from tonight's episode (the first of three, showing on consecutive nights) is that Mr Lyall's route map is not excessively dotted with obfuscations. East is East and West is West, politically and geographically, and we know in which direction we are going even if there is some ambiguity about the true nature of our travelling companions. One character at least, stands out without a shadow of ambivalence: the SAS major (Charles Dance) given the task of ensuring that nothing happens to the nuclear strategist who divides his time between arms military and arms amatory. The major is an heroic figure, given to picking up unexploded grenades in Downing Street after a rapid consultation of the second-hand of his watch. A man from MI5, commenting on the major's "fair-dealing" face, concludes that having such a man helping with security is like having Young Lochinvar and Billy the Kid on the same side. Something else that separates Mr Lyall's political fiction from Le Carré's, and that is the regularity of its bouts of sharp and exciting action. *The Secret Servant* is without doubt a thriller with a touch of class, and Mr Dance's contribution is a major one, in both senses of that word.

● It is bad enough, in all conscience, that Denise Simpson who tells her story in OPEN SPACE (BBC 2, 7.30pm) should have spent much of her 20 years of life in care, being passed from one institution to another. What is alarming, and what shows the social services in a bad light, is that she was denied the education to which she was entitled; she was drugged when she was in her protest moods; and was often locked up in isolation from other children of her own age. The official verdict on Miss Simpson was that she had a personality disorder, but no attempt was made to define its precise nature. Odd that she should have had to break into a social services office and steal her personal file before the grim facts about her case could be exposed.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax

3.50 The Great Egg Race, introduced by Heinz Wolff. The teams are presented with a number of items that float and some that do not. They then have to construct a craft that is capable of submerging in a tank of water, travel under an island to resurface on the other side (r).

4.20 Top Sailing. Bob Fisher with Britain's small boat sailing Olympic entrants and at the 24-hour dingy race at Southport (r).

4.55 Just Another Day. The third programme of John Pitman's examination of places that have become part of Britain's way of life goes behind the scenes at Selfridges, the West End of London's store that employs 3,000 people (r).

5.25 News summary with subtitles.

5.30 Sheridan Morley Meets . . Malcolm Arnold.

6.00 Film: The Legend of Boggy Creek (1972). The supposedly true story of a monster that terrorised the inhabitants of Boggy Creek in Arkansas. The actual residents play themselves but the monster was reluctant to appear and so it had to be played by a man dressed as the beast. Produced and directed by Charles B. Pierce.

7.25 Cartoon Two. Half-Masted Schooner.

7.30 Open Space: Handle with Care. The story of a 20-year old Denise Simpson who spent 18 years of her life in care. She tells the story of her life with the assistance of files that she removed from the offices of the Hampshire Social Services (see Choice).

8.00 Commercial Breaks: Wildcatter. Bill Brodnax is firmly convinced that there is millions of dollars worth of gas beneath the Louisiana rice fields he has leased from the farmers. Commercial Breaks follows the progress of one man's dream as his drill-rig bores two and a half miles underground.

8.30 Food and Drink presented by Chris Kelly. What is supposed to be the most drinkable wine in the world? Which are the best fats and oils to cook in? And the microwave ovens that produce the best results.

9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King is in New York where among those he talks to are Dee Sneider of the rock group, Twisted Sister; actor Jeff Bridges; and theatre and record company chief, David Geffen.

9.30 Forty Minutes: Rent Boys. A documentary about young male prostitutes. They talk about their work and why they are drawn to it, while their customers explain why they need them.

10.10 Karen Kay. The entertainer's guest is American singer, Vic Damone.

10.40 Newsnight.

11.25 Buongiorno Italia! Lesson 15 of the Italian conversation course (r). Ends at 11.55.

CHANNEL 4

2.35 The British at War. The series of British wartime commentaries and propaganda films introduced by Leslie Halliwell continues with Coastal Command* a dramatised documentary made in 1942 that tells the story of a typical Coastal Command operation – that of a Sunderland flying boat searching the North Sea for German ships. Kill or be Killed follows a British rifleman as he stalks a German sniper who is firing on a British post from 800 yards away. The Eighty Days chronicles the battle against the intensive V-1 attack on Southern England in 1944.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithemetic competition is challenged by Denis Barber, a bank manager from Berkshire.

5.00 Film: Let the People Sing* (1942) starring Edward Rigby and Alastair Sim as, respectively, an out of work music hall comedian and Czechoslovakian professor, who join forces when both are on the run from the police. Based on the novel by J. B. Priestley and directed by John Baxter.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. With her view on a matter of topical importance is Ethiopian political refugee, Hannah Yilma.

8.00 People to People: Notts Women Strike Back. Dinah Ward interviews women from striking mining families in the Nottingham pit village of Meden Vale where strikers are in the minority.

8.30 Basketball. The Kellogg Cup semi-finals first leg. Highlights of the Doncaster/Warrington clash and highlights of the first half and live coverage of the second at Manchester and Kingston.

9.30 Film on Four – Take 2: Living Apart Together, starring B. A. Robertson, Barbara Kellerman and Jimmy Logan. A humorous account of a modern marriage with Robertson playing the part of Ritchie, a successful singer/songwriter who returns from the United States to attend the funeral of a friend. When he arrives back in Glasgow his wife leaves him. He starts searching their old haunts to find her, assisted by his Girl Friday who has been thoughtfully provided by his record company. Directed by Charles Gormley (r).

11.15 The Wine Programme. Champagne is on the menu this evening when Jancis Robinson meets Claude Taittinger and Count Perrier-Jouet, visits the Bollinger vineyard and Moet & Chandon's Californian branch, Domaine Chandon (r).

11.45 Soap. Dutch and Eunice are married, Chester chats up the maid of honour and Jessica leaves for the Caribbean.

12.10 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming Today featuring the Royal Smithfield Show, London. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Taking Sides. The subject of today's studio debate is punishment. Is it a deterrent – or vengenace? (Also on BBC1).

10.00 News; Medicine Now. (r).

10.30 Morning Story: "Under-Dog" by Philippa Adams. Read by Geoffrey Wheeler.

10.45 Daily Service.†

11.00 News: Travel; This Thing Called Love. In the second of four programmes, Laurie Taylor meets the young who look for a fine romance, and the older and wiser – who remember it well.

11.28 The Case Against God. Gerald Priestland's inquiry into the existence and character of God; in eight parts (6): The Scene of the Crime.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs.

12.27 Son of Cliché.† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes Christine Stretch's profile of the cricket, an insect far less familiar now than it used to be. Also Arthur Marshall reads part one of his book Life's Rich Pageant.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: A Little Learning, by Julia Jones. With Christine Pollon and Jan Edwards. Gentle comedy about village school life, and a headmistress faced with the possibility that her school could be closed down.†

4.00 News; Enquire Within with Neil Landor.

4.10 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book programme. With Hunter Davies (r).

4.40 Story Time: Laugh with Lardner (4): "Nora" Read by Kerry Shale.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 My Word! A panel game with chairman Michael O'Donnell (new series).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Answers? with John Timpson.

7.40 The State of the Nation. "England: The Way We Live" – Brian Redhead examines some of the assumptions often made about life in England.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled listeners and their families.

9.30 John Ebdon in the BBC Sound Archives.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts Magazine. Includes comment on the ITV production of The Ebony Tower; and the Carrier Frequency, at the Impact Theatre.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Mr Facey Romford's Hounds" by R. S. Surtees. (9): A Dinner Invitation. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Religious Education. 11.20 Web of Language. 11.40 Listening to Music (1). 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.00 Education Now Phone-in: 01-580 4411. 2.30 Books, Plays, Poems. 5.50-5.55pm PM (continued) 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Joining in (4) Rich and Famous.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Monteverdi's Beatus vir I (Selva morale); Corelli's Concerto Grosso in F Op 6 No 9; Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 (Ton Koopman, organ); Handel's Suite in D and G (Water Music).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd.): Nielsen's suite Aladdin; Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Spain (Ciccolini, piano) and Johann Strauss's waltz Wiener Blut.† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Haydn. Sinfonia Concertante in B flat major; and the Symphony No 99 in E flat.†

10.00 Honegger: Toulouse Capitole Orchestra play the Symphony No 4 (Deliciae Basilienses).†

10.30 Beethoven: Moray Welsh (cello) and Anthony Goldstone (piano). Sonata in D, Op 102 No 2; 12 Variations on Ein Madchen oder Weibchen from Mozart's Magic Flute.†

11.05 Mozart and Bruckner: Part one. With Frank-Peter Zimmerman (violin) and Berlin Radio SO (under Jochum). Mozart's Violin Concerto No 4, K 218.†

11.30 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

11.50 Mozart and Bruckner: part two. Bruckner's Symphony No 9.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Martin Jones (piano) plays Beethoven's Bagatelles Op 126; Chopin's Rondo in E flat Op 16; and Prokofiev's Four Pieces Op 4.†

2.00 Bach's Mass in B minor: Taverner Orchestra (under Parrott), with soloists Kirkby, Nelson, Denley, Jenkins, Thomas; the Taverner Choir; and John Toll (organ).†

3.55 Mozart and Dvorak: Endellion String Quartet play Mozart's Quartet in E flat, K 428; and Dvorak's Quartet in E Op 80.† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Jeremy Siepmann's selections of music.

6.30 Bandstand: National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain play Dean Goffin's Rhapsody in Brass; and Dennis Wright's Music for brass.†

7.00 Violin and Piano: Peter Manning (violin) and Julian Jacobson (piano) play Debussy's Sonata; and Beethoven's Sonata in A major Op 30 No 1.†

7.45 BBC Symphony Orchestra (under Pritchard). Part one. Mozart's Symphony No 34.†

8.05 The Churches and Broadcasting: R. D. Kernohan, editor of the Church of Scotland's magazine, talks about religious values and the ethics of broadcasting in the light of Kenneth M. Wolfe's book The Churches and the BBC, 1922-1956.

8.25 Concert: part two. Mahler's Symphony No 9.†

10.00 Music in Our Time: with BBC Symphony Orchestra (under Cleobury), BBC Singers, and pianists Peter Hill, Douglas Young and Keith Swallow. Dallapiccola's Inni: musica per tre pianoforti; Canti di liberazione.†

10.55 Scriabin: Janis Vakarelis (piano) plays the 24 Preludes, Op 11.

11.30 Historic Nielsen: a 1947 recording, in mono, of the Clarinet Concerto Op 57 played by Louis Cahuzac with the Royal Danish Orchestra, conducted by John Frandsen.

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. 4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan including 8.31 Racing. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Steve Jones.† including 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.30 Gloria Hunniford. 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn.† including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. (mf only). 8.00 Wally Whyton introduces Country Concert.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Radio Active: Salute to New York. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Includes the results of 'The Woman in Red' quiz and a round-up of some of the Christmas films on offer. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight.† 3.00-4.00 Eddie 'Lockjaw' Davis at the UCS Theatre, London

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo 6.00am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Into the Music with Tommy Vance.† VHF Radios 1 & 2 – 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Cole Porter And His Music. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Country Music Profile. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 The Ideal Cast. 10.30 Two Cheers For November. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 The Brotherhood Of Brass. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Juke Box Jury. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 The First Half Century. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Not So Much A Hobby. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Music In The Age Of Chivalry. 2.30 A Silent Life. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Music Profile. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales. 12.57am-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-7.20 Star Trek. 8.30-9.00 Week in Week out. 11.20-11.45 Zoo 2000: 'Frozen Assets' (as BBC1 8.30pm). 11.45-12.10am Men . . . and power (as BBC1 11.20pm). 12.10-12.15 News and weather. Scotland. 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish news. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 8.30-9.00 Cause for Concern. 11.45-11.50 New and weather. Northern Ireland. 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland news. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. England. 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazine.

S4C Starts; 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Efalabalam. 2.15 Interval. 2.55 Six Centuries Of Verse. 3.25 4 What It's Worth. 3.55 Black And White And Read All Over. 4.20 Efalabalam. 5.00 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.05 Y Gwylit. 5.30 Mary Tyler Moore Show. 6.00 Teulu-Ffôn. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Teulu-Efen. 8.05 Coleg. 8.35 Hapnod. 9.05 Life or Puccini. 11.15 Carry Greenham Home. 12.25am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never The Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.30 Talk Of The West. 11.00 Sweeney. 12.00 Darts. 12.45am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales At Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 11.05am Once upon a Time . . . Man. 11.30-12.00 A Land, A Man, A God. 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Night Rider. 8.30 Never The Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.35 Central Lobby includes an interview with Neil Kinnock. 11.05 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.00am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 10.30 Folio. 11.00 Levkas Man. 12.30am Reflection, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Return of The Saint. 3.00 Bygones. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 People's Boat. 10.30 People's Boat. 11.00 Never The Twain. 11.30 Darts. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.32 Film: Duel at Diablo (James Garner). 12.35am Greatest Book, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 QED. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 That's My Dog. 8.30-9.30 T. J. Hooker. 10.34 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Rock Of The 70s. 12.05am Postscript, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.00am Island Wildlife. 11.50 Moroccan Magic. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 QED. 5.15-5.45 Beverley Hillbillies.* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Two-Gether. 8.30-9.30 T J Hooker. 10.34 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Rock Of The 70s. 12.05am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Little House on the Prairie. 1.20pm Scottish News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Take the High Road. 7.30-8.00 Police Squad. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 It's Andy Cameron. 11,05 Report. 11.35 Darts. 12.20am Late call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.00am Boast of Kings. 11.55-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.30 Streets of San Francisco. 11.30 Darts. 12.15am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Levkas Man. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.30 Sweeney. 11.30 Street Hockey. 12.00 Short Story. 12.35am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Police News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Happy Days. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.30 Vangelis and his Music. 11.30 About Gaelic. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30am News, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 Levkas Man. 3.30-4.00 Paint along with Nancy. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Falcon Crest. 11.55 News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 3.00 Afternopon Club. 3.27-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast To Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Night Rider. 8.30 Never The Twain. 9.00-9.30 Bounder. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Sense Of The Past. 12.00 Company, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

Entertainments

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'Mothers didn't know children had died, children didn't know mothers had died, men didn't know their families had died'

The full extent of the suffering caused by Monday's explosion at the Union Carbide pesticide plant at Bhopal, in India, is now becoming known. As the death-toll exceeds 2,000, two reports from Bhopal illustrate the enormity of the disaster.

Daya Ram carries his dead one-year-old son to the smoking cremation grounds. Young Shanaz Bee and Abram Khan mourn their father and mother. Everywhere, the quick and the dead are side by side. The blind lead the blind (Harbaksh Singh Nanda of Associated Press writes from Bhopal).

Thousands of dead cattle lie bloated in the streets, babies cry for milk. The leaves on the trees are yellow and shrivelled. Turnips and spinach in the fields are chemically scorched and covered with a fine white film. Ponds are discoloured and lurid.

The stench of death hangs over the city, mingled with the smoke of funeral pyres. Grave-diggers open mass trenches. Tailors are stitching shrouds. Doctors are struggling to prevent a second tragedy: an epidemic.

The 900,000 people are stunned and grieving for the victims of the poisonous gas. Many of them, poor and ignorant and illiterate, still fail to understand what happened in their slums of mud, thatch and rubble opposite the pesticide plant.

Many fail to understand the concept of gas; they thought the plant manufactured medicine. Many said they did not know that something terrible could happen and when they heard the factory siren they should run for their lives.

He knows his son is going blind

In Jaiprakash Nagar across the street, more then 200 people died. At least half were children too weak and under-nourished to outrun the white cloud of gas, too frail to fight the effects of the poison.

Many of the dead were discovered when the authorities broke down shanty doors bolted from within. The people had tried to hide from the fumes which turned their shacks into gas chambers. Hundreds died in their sleep and hundreds more were overcome as they fled, coughing and vomiting. They stampeded out of the city. Some were run over by cars and buses in the panic.

"We were choking and our eyes were burning. We could barely see the road through the fog, and sirens were blaring. We didn't know which way to run," Ahmed Khan said. "Everybody was very confused. Mothers didn't know their children had died, children didn't know their mothers had died and men didn't know their whole families had died," Major Girish Tiwari of the local police said: "Anyone who was left alive ran away blindly."

Fumes turned shacks into gas chambers

The city became like a big gas chamber, according to Indira Iyengar, chairman of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity who were nursing the stricken. "These are illiterate, poor people. They don't understand what happened. Many are still asking me to explain what came in the night and blinded them and killed their families. They don't know what hit them."

Two women in tattered saris walk down the street. One is blinded and whimpering, holding a dirty cloth over her eyes. She is led by the other holding a dirty cloth over one eye.

Eight-year-old Manu rubs his burning eyes and begs his father for toy goggles. But Kedar Nath knows his son is going blind.

"The doctors said he will not be able to see this glittering world. My son was my whole world and now that has been snatched from me."

Abdul Karim said: "It is a sin to bury two bodies in one grave but we must bury three and four and more together. I pray Allah I never have to do this again."

At the Chola Ghat cremation ground, bodies were burnt in stacks of 25 because there was not enough firewood. Women near-by were sobbing and cursing. Flames filled the sky on Tuesday, and workers were calling it the "devil's night" when hundreds of corpses were burnt. Victims' faces were marked with ink for identification.

An official was asked about removing the rotting carcases of cattle and snapped: You are asking about cattle, but we are having difficulty handling all the human bodies."

As he carries his son, Daya Ram says: "We never expected anything like this. But even so, there's no way for us to live anywhere else. Even now, where is the land? where is the money?"

A band of angry young students calls the factory an evil which must be removed. "if the factory is not removed from India, we will set it on fire," said one. We are right next door. How can we live in the shadow of death?"



Struck down: A woman victim being taken away to hospital

Battle against death in the ward

Bhopal (NYT) – In the emergency room of the university hospital here, doctors and nurses struggled to save seven children.

Aged between one and six, they thrash in agony on their beds, choking, vomiting and screaming to suck in air. Parents and relatives watch helplessly as doctors place intravenous feeding tubes in the children's arms and oxygen tubes in their noses and mouths.

"Their chances of survival are 50-50," DR H. H. Travedi, the hospital's deputy superintendent, said. He was one of 450 doctors and medical students who worked on Monday and Tuesday to save thousands of lives.

As the children battled against death in the emergency ward, grieving parents, spouses and friends elsewhere in the city watched the cremation or burial of about 700 bodies. Dr Travedi and other medical officials said they had treated at least 20,000 people at the hospital.

Tens of thousands of Bhopal residents awoke with burning eyes, sore throats and shortness of breath, many others died in their sleep.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, visited hospitals during a tour of the city. "It is a very sad scene. This is a terrible tragedy whose full extent is not yet known. The people of Bhopal must have courage."

All five hospitals in the city were overflowing. Voluntary organizations set up tents on the hospital grounds where hundreds of men, women and children tried to sleep. "We were terribly afraid that they were all going to die on us when they first came because they were just not getting any air", Dr Travedi said.

Health authorities were able to save many thousands with prompt treatment. "Hundreds of people helped to bring patients to the hospital – rickshaw pullers, scooter drivers, army lorries and private vehicles", he said. Otherwise the toll could be been far higher.

Packs of dogs could be seen digging up the shallow graves of the newly buried and one father was seen vainly trying to chase them away from the body of his four-year-old son.

Merit rise offered to top civil servants

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the senior level because the staff in those grades would be responsible for administering any wider scheme to cover the 600,000-member Civil Service as a whole.

The Cabinet has yet to take such a decision and much would clearly depend on the attitude of the unions.

Lord Gowrie, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, announcing the scheme in the Lords yesterday, said: "The Government believe it right to provide additional incentives to good performance. This becomes more important in a contracting organization, where there are reduced opportunities for promotion, which hitherto has been the main means of giving recognition to good performance.

"Performance-related pay is widely recognized as a valuable management tool and has been recommended to the Civil Service on a number of occasions."

Grades affected

	Pay	Numbers (as at April)
Grade 3 Under Secretary	£29,500	502
Grade 4 Executive directors	£26,909	268
Grade 5 Assistant secretary and equivalents	£20,013-£24,317	2,600
Grade 6 Senior principals and equivalents	£16,229-£21,834	4,900
Grade 7 Principals and equivalents	£11,797-£18,635	13,300

Nott dismisses accusations on Belgrano

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undercover forces on the Falklands to gain information about Argentine positions, in preparation for landing and repossessing the islands. The Belgrano was a threat to Woodward carrying out his mission.

There was also the possibility, given the Belgrano's position south of the exclusion zone, that she might try and skirt round south of the task force and recapture Wouth Georgia.

● A former Royal Navy lieutenant, Mr Narendra Sethia, who was serving aboard the HMS Conqueror when it sank the Belgrano has issued writs for libel and breach of copyright against *The Observer* for publishing extracts from his diary.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh leave Festival Pier, 5.30, to give a reception aboard the Brittannia in the Pool of London, 6.

The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee of the National Maritime Museum, attends a trustees meeting at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SE10, 10.15; and later visits AMI Offshore Resources to launch the "Goblin Machine", a maritime anti-pollution vehicle, at West India Docks, E14, 2.30.

The Queen Mother attends a *reception to mark the 75th* anniversary of the University of London's Officers' Training Corps at the Senate House, 7.15.

Prince Michael of Kent dines aboard HMS Victory, Portsmouth, 6.

Last chance to see

Paintings by George Birrell and ceramics by Muriel and Gordon Macintyre, Open Eye Gallery, 75 Cumberland St, **Edinburgh**, 10 to 6, (ends today).

Music

Handel's Messiah by Worcester Festival Choral Society, Worcester Cathedral, 7.30.

Hampshire Fire Brigade Carol Service, **Winchester** Cathedral, 7.30.

The Ron Goodwin Christmas Show, **Bournemouth** Symphony Orchestra, Festival Theatre, **Paignton**, 7.30.

Sing Noel, Govannah Singers, Marble Saloon, Wentworth Woodhouse, **Doncaster**, 7.30.

Piano recital by Martin Jones, St George's Church, Brandon Hill, **Bristol**, 1.

Classical guitar recital by Vladimir Mikula, St Martin's College Chapel, **Lancaster** University, 7.30.

Piano recital by David Lloyd, Lecture Theatre, **Bolton** Public Library, 12.45.

Recital by the Telemann Ensemble, **Glasgow** Arts Centre, 12 Washington St, 8.

Handel's Messiah by the Edinburgh University Music Society, McEwan Hall, **Edinburgh**, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Diocletian's Palace at Split, by Prof J. J. Wilkes, Archeology Dept, 5.30; Themes of Industrial Archeology: Art and Industry, by Stuart Smith, Adult Educatin Dept, 7; both at **Leicester** University.

Musical Squares: Adventures in sound, audio-visual presentation for young people by Dr Michael Gluvas, Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent, **Canterbury**, 10.30 & 2.30.

Lecture series on the First World War: (5) Britain and The First World War, by John Terraine, at New Elvet, 5.15; The Indian Ocean Jigsaw, by Prof R M Shackleton FRS, at Trevelyan Coll, 5.30; both at **Durham** University.

Francis Brett Young: The Man, his Medicine and his Novels, by Prof George Whitfield, **Birmingham** University, 6.

The changing position of women in the USSR, by Dr Mary Buckley, British Council, 3 Bruntsfield Cres, **Edinburgh**, 7.

The Burrell Collection, by Philip Vainker, Southfield Community Centre, Station RD, **Duns**, Borders, 7.30.

Wines from Bordeaux, by Michael Egan of Sotheby's, a study day at Burghley House, **Stamford** Lincs.

How the other half dies, by Michael Greene, a forensic scientist, room 649, Trent Building, University of **Nottingham**, 8.

General

Alternative comedy with Oscar McLennan, Third Eye Centre Studio Theatre, 350 Sauchiehall St, **Glasgow**, 7.30.

Music Hall Tavern, Pavilion, North Parade Road, **Bath**, 7.45.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,604

ACROSS

1 Result of athletes doing their level best? (4,4).
5 Train swimmers in a group (6).
10 The church always brings comfort (5).
11 Love getting an allowance after some trouble (9).
12 Blue publications indeed! (9).
13 Long rope allows the French to hold an animal back (5).
14 A mean fellow – and aging badly by the way (7).
16 Stick with redhead, a non-drinker, can unopened (6).
19 A team's remarks not supposed to be overheard (6).
21 Well content in Wonderland (7).
23 Oblivion of a member with no following (5).
25 Archer's tip (9).
27 Surrounded by deep water for the most part (2,3,4).
28 O to be a fruit woman! (5).
29 Advocates get breath analysed (3,3).
30 They go by inland waterways (3-5).

DOWN

1 Depression about a rebel failing (8).
2 Court page with a sour disposition (9).
3 Mount a little fish or sea-creature (5).
4 An editor's admission of stupidity, it's gathered (7).
6 A girl may have claret hot for a change (9).
7 Common soldiers – one on a hunter (5).
8 "Come, hear the woodland — how sweet his music!" (Wordsworth) (6).
9 The airport worker to put in charge (6).
15 A Greek maiden with capital dared to drop the leftist (9).
17 The claims made by an early scientist (9).
18 To cause annoyance on a ship is quite uncalled for (8).
20 27 *ac* an ardent admirer? (3-3).
21 With a word of thanks managed to finish the port (7).
22 The charge for a simple casual shirt (6).
24 A measure of length – a matter of feet (5).
26 Work on the person that gives an excited shout (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,603

CHEAPSKATE FARM
ATTACCINO EDITION
SNOWWHITE DRESS
DORIC GASCONADE
BEDSPREAD SUNNY
TRUMP TRUNCATES
NATURAL GRANTEE
EARN RATTLETRAP

Books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

FICTION
Babies in Rhinestones, by Shena Mackay (Abacus, £2.75)
Do You Hear Them?, by Nathalie Serraute, translated by Maria Jolas (Calder & Boyars, £5.95)
Vanity Dies Hard, by Ruth Rendell (Arrow, £1.95)

NON-FICTION
A Teacher's Guide to African Literature, by H L B Moody, Elizabeth Gunner and Edward Finnegan (Macmillian, £4.95)
A Walk Around London's Parks, by Hunter Davies (Zenith, £3.95)
Guide to Greece, by Michael Haag and Neville Lewis (Michael Haag, £6.95)
Nineteen Eighty-Four and Beyond, Nigel Calder talks to his computer about the future (Penguin, £2.95)
Reproductive Rituals, the Perception of Fertility in England from the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Century, by Angus McLaren (Methuen, £5.95)
Who's Really Who, by Compton Miller (Sphere, £2.95)
Women and the Law, by Susan Atkins and Brenda Hoggett (Blackwell, £6.95)

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Roads

London and South-east: M25: Lane closures between junctions 10 and 11, Wisley to Chertsey, delays. M10: Closed nightly (northbound) from Park Street roundabout, St Albans, diversions via A405 to junction 6 of the M1 near Garston.

Midlands: M6: Outside lanes on north and southbound carriageways between junctions 3 and 4 closed, delays. A34: Birmingham road at Stratford-on-Avon, roadworks, delays.

Wales and West: A449: Between M4 junction 24 and Raglan, countaflow at Llantrisant, Gwent. A30: Exeter to Launceston road at Sticklepath. Improvement work, temporary lights, and at Lifton, lights.

North: A6125: Great North Road, Newcastle. Roadworks, delays. A1(M): Between Blackfell and Havannah interchange (Tyne and Wear). Construction of new bridge, lane restrictions.

Scotland: A7: At Eskbank, surface repairs, single line traffic with 24 hour lights. A9: Glasgow Road between Needless Road and Pitheavlis Crescent. Lane closures.

Information supplied by the AA

Community chest

A nationwide scheme to encourage small-scale community conservation projects was launched yesterday by the Conservation Foundation and Trusthouse Forte. Grants of £1,800 or less will be awarded monthly from January. Brochures (with application form) are available from the Conservation Foundation, 11a West Halkin St, London SW1X 8JL (01-235 1743) or at any THF hotel, Little Chef or motorway service area.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.47	1.40
Austria Sch	27.00	25.70
Belgium Fr	77.80	73.80
Canada $	1.66	1.58
Denmark Kr	13.90	13.20
Finland Mkk	8.04	7.64
France Fr	11.77	11.22
Germany DM	3.84	3.66
Greece Dr	179.00	164.00
Hongkong $	9.85	9.25
Ireland Pt	1.245	1.185
Italy Lira	2365.00	2265.00
Japan Yen	312.00	298.00
Netherlands Gld	4.325	4.125
Norway Kr	11.15	10.65
Portugal Esc	212.00	200.00
South Africa Rd.	2.33	2.15
Spain Pta	212.25	202.25
Sweden Kr	10.95	10.45
Switzerland Fr	3.18	3.03
USA $	1.255	1.205
Yugoslavia Dnr	325.00	305.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 357.7.

London: The *FT* index closed down 2.8 at 914.9.

Anniversaries

Births: Henry VI, reigned 1422-61, 1470-71, Windsor, 1421; Warren Hastings, governor-general of India, Churchill, Oxfordshire, 1732; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist and physicist, Saint Leonard-de Noblat, France, 1778.

Deaths: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1779, Louis Blanc, socialist, Cannes, 1882: Anthony Trollope, London, 1882.

The Irish Free State was established, 1922.

Today is the Feast of Saint Nicholas, bishop of Myra in Lycia. Despite the little that is known of his life he has been a popular saint in the East and West for many centuries. He is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, pawnbrokers, perfumiers and children. To the last in particular for Santa Claus is by legend derived from Nicholas. He is the patron saint of Russia and his cult was widespread to the extent of giving his name to the Kent village of St Nicholas of Wade.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says: "At last the Government has admitted it can be wrong, and at no greater cost than making Sir Keith Joseph look foolish." It adds: "If the Tory party in the Commons can rise in wrath to protect a comparatively few well-off parents, it might start thinking about the seven million poor people on supplementary benefit. They have votes, too ..."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Chancellor's autumn statement.
Lords (3): Food and Environment Protection Bill, committee, first day.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play
Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.
Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.
If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim
Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.
You must have your card with you when you telephone.
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The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.
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Weather forecast

A weak ridge of high pressure over E districts will move E as a trough of low pressure approaches UK from W.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, E Anglia: Rain in places at first, becoming dry, sunny periods developing, wind W light becoming SW moderate, max temp 9C (48F).
Cen S, E, Cen N England, Midlands: Mostly dry, sunny intervals, wind light becoming SW moderate, max temp 9C (48F).
Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mostly dry, sunny intervals, wind SW moderate becoming fresh, max temp 10C (50F).
N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Sunny intervals, scattered showers chiefly on coasts and hills, wind W moderate becoming SW fresh, max temp 9C (48F).
Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Central Highlands, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, becoming cloudy with rain later, wind SW fresh becomming strong, max temp 8C (46F).
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry, sunny periods at first becoming cloudy later, wind W light or moderate becoming SW fresh, max temp 8C (46F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain in most districts with brighter drier interludes, night frost in places.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind, SW fresh or strong veering NW moderate occasionally fresh backing SW later; rain becoming fair; visibility, moderate or good; sea, moderate becoming slight; St. George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind, light backing SW fresh or strong; rain later, visibility, moderate or good; sea, slight becoming rough.

Sun rises: 7.51 am — Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon sets: 5.34 pm — Moon rises: 2.46 pm
Full Moon: December 8.

Lighting-up time

London 4.23 pm to 7.22 am
Bristol 4.33 pm to 7.31 am
Edinburgh 4.10 pm to 7.59 am
Manchester 4.21 pm to 7.40 am
Penzance 4.51 pm to 7.37 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

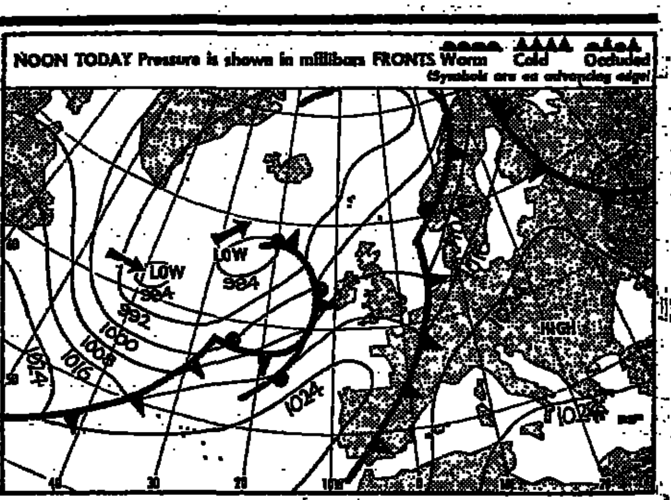
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Birmingham	c	12	54	Inverness	c	6	43
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Bristol	c	13	55	London	f	11	52
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Edinburgh	f	8	46	Newcastle	r	13	55
Glasgow	c	9	48	Ronaldsway	f	10	50

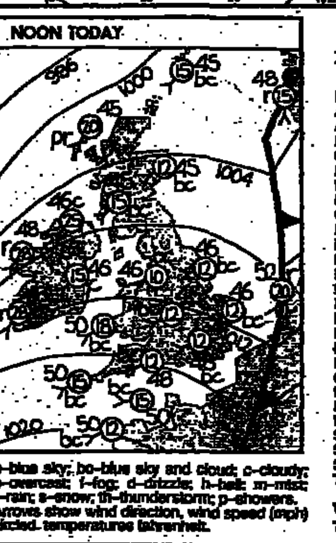
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 95 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,017 millibars falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

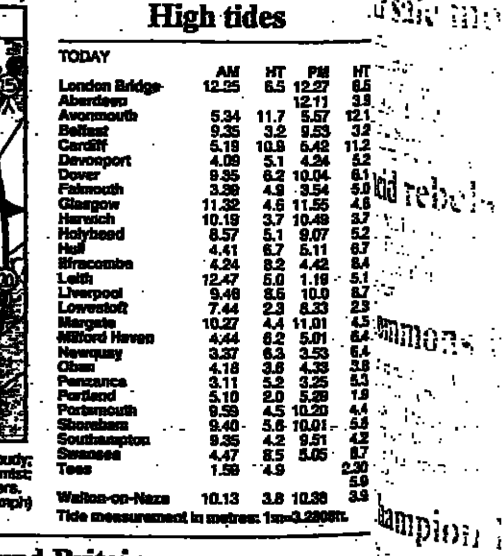
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Exeter, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Aviemore, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish 0.95in; highest sunshine: Newquay 4.1hr.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

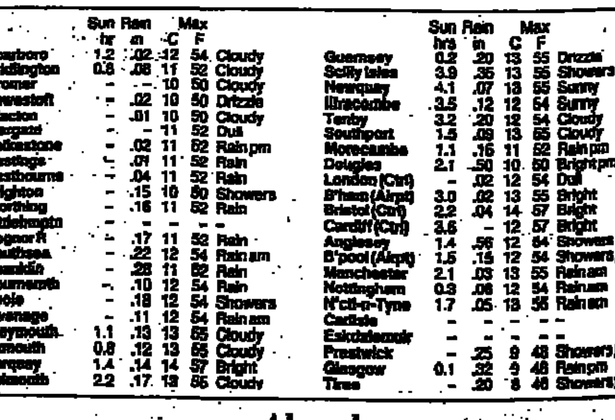


High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.25	6.5	12.27	6.5
Aberdeen			12.11	3.9
Avonmouth	5.34	11.7	5.57	12.1
Belfast	9.35	3.2	9.53	3.2
Cardiff	5.19	10.9	5.42	11.2
Devonport	4.09	5.1	4.24	5.2
Dover	9.35	6.2	10.04	6.1
Falmouth	3.38	4.9	3.54	5.0
Glasgow	11.32	4.6	11.55	4.6
Harwich	10.19	3.7	10.49	3.7
Holyhead	8.57	5.1	9.07	5.2
Hull	4.41	6.7	5.11	6.7
Ilfracombe	4.24	8.2	4.42	8.4
Leith	12.47	5.0	1.19	5.1
Liverpool	9.48	8.5	10.9	8.7
Lowestoft	7.44	2.3	8.33	2.3
Margate	10.27	4.4	11.01	4.5
Milford Haven	4.44	6.2	5.01	6.4
Newquay	3.37	6.3	3.53	6.4
Oban	4.18	3.6	4.33	3.8
Penzance	3.11	5.2	3.25	5.3
Portland	5.10	2.0	5.29	1.9
Portsmouth	9.59	4.5	10.20	4.4
Shoreham	9.40	5.6	10.01	5.6
Southampton	9.35	4.2	9.51	4.2
Swansea	4.47	8.5	5.05	8.7
Tees	1.58	4.9	2.30	5.9
Walton-on-Naze	10.13	3.8	10.38	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.



Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.2	.02	12	54	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.8	.08	11	52	Cloudy
Cromer	–	–	10	50	Cloudy
Lowestoft	–	.02	10	50	Drizzle
Clacton	–	.01	10	50	Cloudy
Margate	–	–	11	52	Dull
Folkestone	–	.02	11	52	Rain pm
Hastings	–	.01	11	52	Rain
Eastbourne	–	.04	11	52	Rain
Brighton	–	.15	10	50	Showers
Worthing	–	.16	11	52	Rain
Littlehmptn	–	–	–	–	–
Bognor R	–	.17	11	52	Rain
Southsea	–	.22	12	54	Rain am
Shanklin	–	.28	11	52	Rain
Bournemouth	–	.10	12	54	Rain
Poole	–	.18	12	54	Showers
Swanage	–	.11	12	54	Rain am
Weymouth	1.1	.13	13	55	Cloudy
Exmouth	0.8	.12	13	55	Cloudy
Torquay	1.4	.14	14	57	Bright
Falmouth	2.2	.17	13	55	Cloudy
Guernsey	0.2	.20	13	55	Drizzle
Scilly Isles	3.9	.35	13	55	Showers pm
Newquay	4.1	.07	13	55	Sunny
Ilfracombe	3.5	.12	12	54	Sunny
Tenby	3.2	.20	12	54	Cloudy
Southport	1.5	.09	13	55	Cloudy
Morecambe	1.1	.16	11	52	Rain pm
Douglas	2.1	.50	10	50	Bright pm
London (Ctrl)	–	.02	12	54	Dull
B'ham (Airpt)	3.0	.02	13	55	Bright
Bristol (Ctr)	2.2	.04	14	57	Bright
Cardiff (Ctr)	3.6	–	12	57	Bright
Anglesey	1.4	.56	12	54	Showers pm
B'pool (Airpt)	1.5	.15	12	54	Showers pm
Manchester	2.1	.03	13	55	Rain am
Nottingham	0.3	.08	12	54	Rain am
N'ctl-n-Tyne	1.7	.05	13	55	Rain am
Carlisle	–	–	–	–	–
Eskdalemuir	–	–	–	–	–
Prestwick	–	.25	9	48	Showers pm
Glasgow	0.1	.32	9	48	Rain pm
Tiree	–	.20	8	46	Showers pm



Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	19	66	Cologne	c	8	46	Majorca*	f	17	63	Rome	s	18	64
Akrotiri	s	14	57	Copenhagen	c	4	39	Malaga	c	17	63	Salzburg	s	5	41
Alexandria	r	17	63	Corfu	f	17	63	Malta	c	–3	27	Sao Paulo*	c	23	73
Algiers	s	16	61	Dublin	s	11	52	Melbourne*	r	14	57	S Francisco*	f	9	48
Amsterdam	f	10	50	Dubrovnik	s	13	55	Mexico C*	s	18	64	Santiago*	s	27	81
Athens	f	11	52	Faro	c	16	61	Miami*	f	26	79	Seoul	s	1	34
Bahrain	s	23	73	Florence	s	15	59	Milan*	c	6	43	Singapore	r	27	81
Barbados*	f	28	82	Frankfurt	c	5	41	Montreal*	f	0	32	Stockholm	c	3	37
Barcelona	s	15	59	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow*	s	–6	21	Strasbourg	c	4	39
Beirut	s	14	57	Geneva	c	5	41	Munich	f	1	34	Sydney	f	21	70
Belgrade	s	5	41	Gibraltar	c	16	61	Nairobi	s	26	79	Tangier	s	18	64
Berlin	c	3	37	Helsinki	d	3	37	Naples	f	16	61	Tel Aviv	f	17	63
Bermuda*	f	22	72	Hongkong	s	23	73	New Delhi	s	22	72	Tenerife	s	22	72
Biarritz	s	16	61	Innsbruck	s	5	41	New York*	s	4	39	Tokyo	f	19	66
Boulogne	c	10	50	Istanbul	s	10	50	Nice	s	17	63	Toronto*	sn	–2	28
Bordeaux	f	9	40	Jeddah	s	23	73	Oslo	c	5	41	Tunis	f	17	63
Brussels*	c	7	45	Jo'burg*	f	21	70	Paris	s	11	52	Valencia	s	15	59
Budapest*	s	2	36	Karachi	s	27	81	Peking	s	4	39	Vancouver*	s	–1	30
Buen Aires*	s	33	91	Las Palmas	s	21	70	Perth	s	24	75	Venice	s	7	45
Cairo				Lisbon	r	14	57	Prague	c	–1	33	Vienna	s	2	36
Cape Tn*	c	16	59	Locarno	s	7	45	Reykjavik	s	0	32	Warsaw	s	1	34
C'blanca	s	19	66	L Angeles*	s	14	57	Rhodes	f	15	59	Washington*	f	4	39
Chicago*	s	–7	19	Luxembourg	f	4	39	Riyadh	s	21	70	Wellington*	c	15	59
Ch'church*	r	21	70	Madrid	c	3	43	Rio de Jan	c	24	75	Zurich	c	2	36

* denotes figures are latest available